

How God Turns SETBACKS *into* COMEBACKS

MESSAGE 1: WHEN YOU'VE HAD A BUSINESS SETBACK

Parts 1-3

“One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.”

LUKE 5:1-3

“After Jesus finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now launch out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.’”

LUKE 5:4-5

“When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break! So they signaled their partners (James and John) in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full with fish that they began to sink!”

LUKE 5:6-7A

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE HAD A BUSINESS SETBACK

(“When You’ve Come Up Empty”)

1. _____

“Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.”

LUKE 5:3

I must get Jesus _____
My boat is: what I do to make a living
What does it mean to have Jesus in my boat?

2. _____

“When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now launch out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught ANYTHING!’”

LUKE 5:4-5A

Which of these is preventing me from admitting I need help?
PRIDE? STUBBORNNESS? FEAR? (circle)

3. _____

Even if it seems illogical, you can’t afford it, or it appears foolish to others.

“Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. BUT BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I will let down the nets.’”

LUKE 5:5

WHEN: “Now launch out”
WHAT: “Let down your nets”
WHERE: “into deep water”

What has God told you to do that you still haven't done?
Be baptized? Start serving? Forgive someone? Start tithing?

4. _____

The Faith Factor: You must trust him to do what he says he'll do.

"WHEN THEY HAD DONE SO, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break! So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink!"

LUKE 5:6-7

PETER'S REACTION

"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners."

LUKE 5:8-9

THE REAL LESSON

"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'DON'T BE AFRAID; FROM NOW ON you will catch men!' So they pulled their boats up on shore, and THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED JESUS!"

LUKE 5:10-11

WHICH IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO DO?

1. Is Jesus calling ME to leave my job to serve him full-time? Am I willing to do that "because he says so"?

OR

2. Is Jesus calling ME to start using my job as a platform to share his message of hope? (Be a Marketplace Missionary)

Write either '#1' OR '#2' on your response card today

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MESSAGE 2: WHEN YOUR SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSIBLE

Parts 1-3

SETBACK: A loss of progress, a defeat of a plan,
or a reversal of good fortune. Anything that sets you back.

"I looked for good to come, but evil came instead. I waited for some light, but darkness fell instead. The churning inside of me never stops and waves of misery crash over me."

JOB 30:26-27

HOW DO I TRUST GOD FOR A COMEBACK

WHEN MY SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSABLE?

T.R.U.S.T. God like Job did

T_____

"Job stood up, tore his robe in grief, and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground and worshiped."

JOB 1:20 (GW)

Job: "I can't be quiet! I'm angry! I have to speak!"

JOB 7:11 (TEV)

"Cry out in the night . . . Pour out your heart like water in prayer to the Lord."

LAMENTATIONS 2:19 (NCV)

"I believed, so I said, "I am completely ruined!"

PSALM 116:10 (NCV)

R_____

Job said, "I came naked from my mother's womb and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord! In all of this Job did not sin by blaming God."

JOB 1:21-22 (LB)

The antidote to bitterness is gratitude for God's goodness.
What to remember when you've had a setback:

God will never stop loving me.

JOB 10:12

God has a plan for my life.

JOB 23:14

God cares about every detail of my life.

JOB 23:10, 31:4

God is in control of things I don't understand.

JOB 34:13

God will protect me.

JOB 5:11

“Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, I’ll still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is my Savior.”

HAB. 3:17-18 (TEV)

U _____

(Elihu) “Don’t let your anger and the pain you endured make you sneer at God. Reputation and riches cannot protect you from distress, nor can you find safety in the dark world below. Don’t turn to evil as a way of escape. God’s power is unlimited . . . Others have praised God for what he has done, so join with them.”

JOB 36:18-24 (CEV)

“True wisdom and real power belong to God. From Him we learn how to live and also what to live for.”

JOB 12:13 (MES)

“Go to the Lord for help, and worship him.”

1 CHRON. 16:11 (TEV)

“Those who worship God will be encouraged.”

PSALM 69:32 (TEV)

David: “Here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in Your strength and glory.”

PSALM 63:2 (MES)

PAUL “Because you are praying for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ is helping me, I know this trouble will bring my freedom.”

PH. 1:19 (NCV)

S _____

“Job’s wife said to him, ‘Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Why don’t you just curse God and die?’ Just end it!’ But Job replied, ‘You talk like a godless woman! Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?’ So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.”

JOB 2:9-10 (NLT)

Job: “Even if God takes my life, I will still trust him!”

JOB 13:15

“People who don’t know God are always worrying.”

MATTHEW 6:32A (CEV)

T _____

JESUS: “By trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world.”

JOHN 16:33 (MES)

JOB’S COMEBACK

“After Job prayed for his friends, the Lord gave him success again. In fact, the Lord gave Job twice as much of everything as he had been blessed with before.”

JOB 42:10

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MESSAGE 3: WHEN A SETBACK ISN'T YOUR FAULT

Parts 1-3

"The ship struck a reef and ran aground. As it was repeatedly smashed by the force of the storm's waves, the ship began to break apart."

ACTS 27:41

WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO MAKE POOR CHOICES THAT LEAD TO SETBACKS & STORMS?

WHEN WE _____

"Much time had been lost, and day of Fasting has passed so by now it had become dangerous to sail because of the fall weather. So, Paul warned the sailors with this advice "Men, I have perceived that our voyage is going to be disastrous. If we sail now, we'll lose the cargo, and the ship, and likely our own lives too."

ACTS 27:9-10

"But the Roman officer in charge of the prisoners didn't listen to Paul. Instead he followed the advice of the pilot and owner of the ship"

ACTS 27:11

WHEN WE _____

“Then the crew decided that they should go ahead and sail up the coast of Crete because the majority wanted to spend the winter in Phoenix and it had a nice harbor.”

ACTS 27:12

WHEN WE _____

“When a gentle wind began to blow from the south, the crew thought they had obtained what they wanted and their plan would work. So they pulled up the anchor and sailed as close as possible to the shoreline of Crete.”

ACTS 27:13

“But shortly afterward, the weather changed suddenly and a wind of hurricane force came out of the Northeast and blew the ship out to sea.”

ACTS 27:14

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STORMS?

1. STORMS CAN _____

“The ship was caught in the storm and the wind was so strong that they could not sail against it. They lost all control so they stopped trying. They gave up and let the wind drive them, drifting in every direction.”

ACTS 27:15

“Then the crew tied ropes around the ship to try to hold it together.”

ACTS 27:17

2. STORMS CAN _____

“The next day, as gale-force winds continued to batter the ship, the crew began throwing all the cargo overboard. The following day they even threw out all the ship’s equipment and anything else they could lay their hands on!”

ACTS 27:18-19

3. STORMS CAN _____

“The terrible storm raged unabated for many days, blotting out both the sun and the stars, until in the dark, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.”

ACTS 27:20

WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER WHEN IT FEELS HOPELESS?

How Can I Anchor My Life in a Storm?

1ST ANCHOR: THE PRESENCE OF GOD

REMEMBER _____

“Finally, Paul called the crew together and said, ‘Men, if you had listened to me. . . you would have avoided all this injury and loss. But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. For last night an angel of the God I serve and belong to, STOOD BY ME’”

ACTS 27:21-23

2ND ANCHOR: THE PURPOSE OF GOD

REMEMBER _____

(Paul) "God's angel said to me 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will certainly stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone else sailing with you!'"

ACTS 27:24

3RD ANCHOR: THE PROMISE OF GOD

REMEMBER _____

"So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will all turn out just as God has promised. Nevertheless, we are all going to first be shipwrecked on some island!"

ACTS 27:25-26

"At one point, the sailors tried to abandon the ship, thinking their lifeboat would save them. But Paul said, 'You'll all die unless you stay with the ship! So the soldiers cut the ropes and let go of their lifeboat.'"

ACTS 27:30-32

"Then Paul said 'Please eat something for your own good. For not a hair of your heads will perish.' Then he took some bread, gave thanks to God before them all, and ate it. Then everyone was encouraged."

ACTS 27:34-36

"When daylight came. . . the officer ordered those who could swim to jump overboard and swim to the island. The rest grabbed pieces of wood from the broken ship to float on. But everyone made it safely to shore!"

ACTS 27:45-46

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MESSAGE 4: WHEN A SETBACK LEAVES YOU EMOTIONALLY EMPTY

Parts 1-3

“King Ahab told his wife Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he ordered the death of all of her false prophets of Baal. So the queen sent this threat to Elijah: ‘May my gods strike me dead if I don’t kill you by this time tomorrow!’ Elijah was afraid and he ran for his life; he left his servant in the town of Beersheba and he walked for a full day into the desert. Finally he came to a broom tree and he collapsed under its shade. There he prayed that he might die. He said “God, I have had enough! Take my life! Just let me die! For I am no better than my ancestors! Exhausted, he fell asleep under that broom tree. . . (later) Elijah told God ‘I’ve always worked hard for you Lord, but your people have abandoned your covenant, destroyed your places of worship, and murdered all your true prophets. I am the only one left! And now they are trying to kill me too!”

1 KINGS 19:1-5, 10

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN MY EMOTIONAL TANK IS EMPTY?

1. _____ CREEPS INTO MY LIFE.

“Elijah was afraid”

2. I FIND MYSELF _____ FROM THINGS.

"Elijah ran for his life. . ."

3. I START BACKING OUT _____

"He left his servant in the town of Beersheba."

4. I MAKE _____

"He walked for a full day into the desert."

5. I PUSH MYSELF PAST _____

"He collapsed under some shade."

6. MY WORK _____

"I've worked hard... (but haven't seen any results or change)"

7. I COMPLAIN THAT I WANT TO _____

"God, I have had enough!"

8. I FEEL _____

"I'm the only one left - and they are trying to kill me too!"

9. I COMPARE MYSELF TO OTHERS & _____

"For I am no better than my ancestors!"

10. I THINK _____

"Elijah prayed that he might die: 'Take my life, Lord! Just let me die!'"

"Elijah was a person just like us . . ."

JAMES 5:17

HOW DOES GOD REFILL MY EMOTIONAL TANK?

1. GOD MAKES ME _____

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul!"

PSALM 23:2-3

"Then Elijah laid down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat!' He looked around and saw some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and laid down again, and went back to sleep! Then the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat some more, for there is a long journey ahead of you. So Elijah got up and ate and drank again, and his strength was revived. . ."

1 KINGS 19:5-7 (NLT)

2. GOD ENCOURAGES ME _____

“Next, Elijah traveled 40 days to get to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the Lord said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” Then Elijah said. . .”

1 KINGS 19:8-9

3. GOD TELLS ME _____

“The Lord said to Elijah, “Go, stand in front of me on the mountain, and I will pass by you’ Then a very strong wind blew past. . . But the Lord was not in the wind. After that, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was a wildfire, but the Lord was not in the fire. But then, there was a quiet, gentle sound. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. And voice said “Elijah! Why are you still here?”

1 KINGS 19:11-13

“Just thinking of my troubles and my wandering fills me with sadness and bitterness. It’s all I ever think about, and I am depressed. But then I remember something that fills me with hope: The Lord’s STEADFAST LOVE never ends! His UNFAILING MERCY keeps me from being wiped out. Because of his GREAT FAITHFULNESS, each new day he is ALWAYS KIND to me. So deep in my heard I say ‘I say to myself “The Lord is all I need. He is my REAL HOPE!”

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24

REMEMBER GOD’S SUGAR

Steadfast _____

Unfailing _____

Great _____

Always _____

Real _____

“Go back the way you came . . . to the desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael . . . and Jehu . . . and Elisha . . .”

1 KINGS 19:15-16

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MESSAGE 5: WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP

Parts 1-3

“So we rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem until it had reached half its original height, because the people worked at it with all their heart. BUT THEN the other tribes in our area heard about our progress and how Jerusalem’s walls were being repaired and all the gaps were being closed. They became very angry and they all plotted together to attack Jerusalem and create some confusion to stop the progress. So we prayed to God for protection and posted 24 hour guards. But about that time, the people of Jerusalem began to complain. They said ‘We’re tired and worn out. We can’t keep up this pace! Besides that there is so much rubble and trash to be removed. We now realize that we cannot finish this wall. Meanwhile our enemies are threatening to kill us in order to stop this work! Then, those of us who lived closest to our enemies kept reporting over and over – ten times – that our enemies kept saying “It doesn’t matter where you go, we’ll attack you!””

NEHEMIAH 4:6-12

4 SETBACKS THAT CAN CAUSE DISCOURAGEMENT

1. WHEN SOMETHING _____

This causes _____

"They said 'We're tired and worn out. We can't keep up this pace!"

NEHEMIAH 4:10A

"Never forget how the Amalekites . . . attacked you when you were exhausted and weary, and they struck down those who began to lag behind . . ."

DEUT. 25:18 (NLT)

2. WHEN SOMETHING _____

This causes _____

"Besides that, there is so much rubble and trash to be removed!"

NEHEMIAH 4:10B

"Come, Lord, and show me your mercy, for I feel helpless, overwhelmed, and in deep distress."

PSALM 25:16 (LB)

3. WHEN I START _____

This causes a SENSE OF _____

"The people said, 'We now realize that we cannot finish this wall.'"

"We will NEVER be able to finish it."

NEHEMIAH 4:10C

4. WHEN THE _____

This causes _____

"Meanwhile our enemies are threatening to kill us in order to stop this work"

NEHEMIAH 4:11

“Then, those of us who lived closest to our enemies kept reporting over and over – ten times – that our enemies kept saying “It doesn’t matter where you go, we’ll attack you!”

NEHEMIAH 4:12

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?

Do the 3 things Nehemiah did

1. _____

“So I stationed armed guards at the most vulnerable places of the wall and assigned people by families with their swords, lances, and bows.”

NEHEMIAH 4:13 (MES)

“Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting with other believers, but we must not do that. Instead, we should keep on encouraging each other . . .”

HEBREWS 4:25

2. _____

“Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the leaders and the people and said to them, “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious.”

NEHEMIAH 4:14A (NLT)

(Jonah) “When I had lost all hope I turned my thoughts once again to the Lord.”

JONAH 2:7 (LB)

(David) “I’m completely discouraged. Revive me by your Word!”

PSALM 119:25 (LB)

3. _____

(Then I told them) “. . . Fight for your brothers, and your sons and your daughters, and wives and homes!”

NEHEMIAH 4:14B (NIV)

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MESSAGE 6: WHEN OTHERS KEEP SETTING YOU BACK

Parts 1-3

GENESIS 37-50

Much of Joseph's life included a series of painful setbacks from his dream to do great things with his life. But God used them to position Joseph for a spectacular comeback that saved 2 entire nations: Israel & Egypt.

1st SETBACK: _____

Now Jacob loved Joseph more than all of his other children because Joseph had been born in Jacob's old age. So, one day Jacob gave Joseph a special ornamented robe. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than he loved them, they hated Joseph, and they would not even speak to him or acknowledge him. And when Joseph told his 11 brothers about a great dream from God, they hated him even more!"

GENESIS 37:3-5

2nd SETBACK: _____

“One day, when Joseph’s brothers were out in the fields, they saw Joseph coming toward from a distance and they made plans to kill him. ‘Here comes that dreamer!’ they exclaimed. “Come on, let’s kill him and throw him into a deep pit. We can tell our father that a wild animal attacked and ate him. Then we’ll see what becomes of all his great dreams!”

GENESIS 37:18-20

“Then Reuben said, ‘Let’s not kill him, Let’s just throw him into this pit in the wilderness. That way we won’t shed any blood.’ He said this, secretly planning to save Joseph and send him back to his father. So, when Joseph arrived, his brothers stripped him of his favorite robe and then tossed him into the pit which was a dry well, without any water in it,”

GENESIS 37:21-24

3rd SETBACK: _____

“After they threw Joseph into the pit, the brothers sat down to eat dinner. But then they saw a caravan of traders passing by, headed to Egypt, with camels that were loaded down with spices, balm and myrrh. Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘We won’t gain anything if we just let our brother die in this pit, and we’ll all share in a murder cover-up. So why don’t we do this: Let’s sell off our brother to these traders! All the brothers thought that was a good idea. So, they sold Joseph for 20 shekels to the traders who took him to Egypt.”

GENESIS 37:26-28

4th SETBACK: _____

“Then the brothers took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. Then they took the robe back to their father and said, “We found this coat. Does it belong to your son?’ Jacob recognized it and cried out, “Yes! Some wild animal must have killed Joseph and torn him to pieces! . . . Then Jacob sobbed for a long time. Everyone tried to comfort him but he said, ‘I’ll grieve this loss until the day I die.”

GENESIS 37:31-35

5th SETBACK: _____

“Meanwhile, in Egypt, the traders sold Joseph to be a slave of Potiphar, a man who was an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.”

GENESIS 37:36

6th SETBACK: _____

“Now Joseph was well-built and very handsome. After a while his master’s wife took notice and began to lust for him. She begged, ‘Come to bed with me!’ But Joseph refused saying, ‘. . . How could I do such an evil thing and sin against God and my master?’ And though she tempted Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be alone with her. But one day, when Joseph was working inside the house, none of the household servants were inside. So Potiphar’s wife came up behind him and grabbed Joseph by his tunic demanding ‘Sleep with me right now!’ But Joseph resisted. He wriggled out of his tunic and ran outside. When she saw that she still had his tunic in her hands, she made up this story for the other servants: ‘Look! The Hebrew slave tried to assault me but I screamed, so he ran out of the house, but he left his tunic here!’ When her husband came home, she gave him the same story. Potiphar burned with anger when he heard his wife’s accusations. He arrested Joseph on the spot and dragged him off and threw him in the king’s prison.”

GENESIS 39:6B-19

7th SETBACK: _____

Story of Pharaoh’s Wine Steward & Baker; Genesis 40:1-23

“Joseph said to the king’s wine steward, ‘When you are freed from prison and restored to your position with Pharaoh, please show me kindness and remember to mention me to the king so I too can get out of this prison. I was forcibly kidnapped from my homeland and now I’m stuck in this prison even though I’ve done nothing to deserve this . . . But the wine steward never gave Joseph another thought – he forgot all about him.”

GENESIS 40:14-15, 23

WHAT MADE JOSEPH SO RESILIENT?

1. _____

In the Pit

“Jacob’s sons became jealous of their brother Joseph and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH and brought him SAFELY THROUGH all his troubles.”

ACTS 7:9

“Now when the slave traders arrived in Egypt, they sold Joseph to a man named Potiphar, who was one of Pharaoh’s officials and captain of the palace guard. THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH, so he became a successful man. He lived and served in the home of his Egyptian master.”

GENESIS 39:1-2

At Potiphar’s

“Potiphar realized that THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH, and that the Lord was making him successful in everything he did. So, Potiphar was very happy with Joseph’s work and he hired him to be his personal aide. He put Joseph in charge of everything in his home and trusting him with everything he owned. Then God blessed everyone working in Potiphar’s household because of Joseph, and God blessed everything that belonged to Potiphar too . . .”

GENESIS 39:3-5

In Prison

“Joseph was thrown into the prison where all the king’s prisoners were held. But even there, the Lord was with Joseph, and God caused the prison warden to like Joseph. Before long, the jailer put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison!”

GENESIS 39:20-22

“The jailer did not have to worry about anything for which Joseph was responsible, because THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH and whatever he did, was blessed. God made him succeed in everything he did.”

GENESIS 39:23

2. _____

“Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.’”

GENESIS 50:19-20

3. _____

“The king said to him, ‘I have had a dream, and no one can explain it. I have been told that you can interpret dreams.’ Joseph answered the king, ‘I am not able to do this, but God can! I can’t explain the meaning of dreams, but God will do this for the king.’”

GEN 41:15-16

“As they discussed who should be appointed for the job, Pharaoh said, ‘Who could do it better than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the spirit of God.’ The king said to Joseph, “It is obvious that you have greater wisdom and insight than anyone else. So I am putting you in charge of my country, and all my people will obey your orders. Your authority will be second only to mine. I now appoint you governor over all Egypt.’ The king removed from his finger the ring engraved with the royal seal and put it on Joseph’s finger. He put a fine linen robe on him, and placed a gold chain around his neck... And the king said to him, “I am the king, and I say that no one in all Egypt shall so much as lift a hand or a foot without your permission.”

GEN. 41:39-44

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MESSAGE 7: WHEN A SETBACK FILLS YOU WITH FEAR

Parts 1-2

TRUTHS ABOUT SETBACKS TO REMEMBER

1. THERE ARE NO _____ WITHOUT _____.

2. EVERY SETBACK IS A _____ OR A COMEBACK.

3. A SETBACK IS INTENDED NOT TO _____ BUT TO
_____ FOR MY NEXT STAGE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

4. SETBACKS ARE _____.

COMMON FEARS AT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MARY FACED _____

“Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. So, the angel said, ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID, Mary. for God has decided to bless and use you! You will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus . . . and he will be the Son of God, and his Kingdom will never end!’ Then Mary asked, ‘But how can this be?’

LUKE 1:29-34

JOSEPH FACED _____

“Now this is how Jesus Christ was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, being a good and righteous man, decided to break off the engagement quietly, so it would not disgrace Mary publicly. But after he had considered doing this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, DO NOT BE AFRAID to take Mary home as your wife, because the child in her is from God’s Holy Spirit.’”

MATTHEW 1:18-20

SHEPHERDS FACED _____

“That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. SUDDENLY, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory flashed and surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, so the angel said to them ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID!’”

LUKE 2:8-10

KING HEROD FACED _____

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the time that Herod was the king of the Jews . . . Then some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and started asking: ‘Where is the child born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him!’ When King Herod heard this news, he was deeply frightened and disturbed, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem!”

MATTHEW 2:1-3

ZECHARIAH FACED _____

“(While serving in the Temple) an angel appeared to Zechariah. When he saw the angel, he was confused and overwhelmed with fear. But the angel said to him: “DO NOT BE AFRAID! Your prayer has been heard!”

LUKE 1:11-13

HOW CAN I REPLACE MY FEARS WITH FAITH?

1. _____

“Mary responded, ‘I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to accept whatever God wants for my life!’”

LUKE 1:38

“Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins. Then you won’t be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless. your troubles will go away like water beneath a bridge, and your darkest night will be brighter than noon. Then you’ll rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry!”

JOB 11:13-18 (CEV)

2. _____

“Whatsoever is not based on faith is sin.”

ROMANS 14:23

3. _____

“Then Mary sang, ‘With all my heart I praise the Lord! I rejoice in God my Savior, for he notices and cares for me, a simple servant girl! . . . He has blessed me, and He is the Mighty One who is holy . . . He is All-Powerful . . . He can do anything . . . He meets all our needs . . . and He keeps his promises!’”

LUKE 1:46-56

Mary sang!

LUKE 1:46-56

Elizabeth sang!

LUKE 1: 42-45

The Angels sang!

LUKE 2:13-14

The Shepherds sang!

LUKE 2:20

Zechariah sang!

LUKE 1:67-79

You lose your fear with you feel God is near!

4. _____

Elizabeth said to Mary, “You are blessed, because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”

LUKE 1:45

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in God. And when I trust in God I am not afraid! I praise him for what he has PROMISED.”

How God Turns SETBACKS *into* COMEBACKS

MESSAGE 8: WHEN NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOUR GOAL

Parts 1-3

1. I MUST _____

“This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God’s approval and was a man of integrity among the people of his time.”

GENESIS 6:9A (GW)

“Now the earth had become corrupt in God’s sight, and it was filled with violence. And God observed all the evil done in the world, and he noticed cruelty and depravity everywhere.”

GENESIS 6:11-12

“When God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart.”

GENESIS 6:5-6 (LB)

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes again, it will be just like it was when Noah lived.”

LUKE 17:26 (NCV)

“But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.”

GENESIS 6:8 (MESSAGE)

"Noah was a pleasure to the Lord." (LB)

"God told Noah, 'Out of everyone living in this generation, you are the only righteous person on earth!'"

GENESIS 7:1 (MESSAGE)

2. I MUST _____

"It was by faith that Noah HEARD God's warnings about things he could not yet see."

HEBREWS 11:7A (NCV)

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

HEBREWS 11:1

"We don't look at the troubles we can see right now; instead we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the unseen joys to come will last forever."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 (NLT)

"Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the disbelief of the rest of the world . . ."

HEBREWS 11:7B (LB)

"Noah walked with God."

GENESIS 6:9C (NIV)

"Noah enjoyed a close relationship with God." (NLT)

"Noah lived in fellowship with God." (TEV)

God told Noah, "I'm going to send a flood that will destroy everything that breathes. Nothing will be left alive. But I solemnly promise that you, your wife, your sons, and your daughters-in-law will be kept safe in the boat."

GENESIS 6:17-18 (CEV)

3. I MUST _____

“Noah obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family.”

HEB. 11:7A

“God told Noah, ‘Build a boat from cypress wood and seal it with tar, inside and out. Then build decks and stalls throughout its interior. Make it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Leave an 18-inch opening all the way around the boat just below the roof. Then put three decks inside the boat—and put one door on the side . . . Then include a male and female pair of every kind of animal that I bring into your boat to keep alive during the worldwide flood. And remember, take enough food for your family and for all the animals.’ Then Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.”

GENESIS 6:14-22 (NLT)

“Finally, the day came when the Lord said to Noah, ‘Now get into the boat with all your family . . . And now take along seven pairs of each animal that I’ve approved for eating and sacrifice, along with one pair of each of the others. And take seven male and female pairs of every kind of bird . . . Again Noah did exactly as the Lord had commanded him.”

GEN. 7:1-5

“Noah consistently followed God’s will.”

GENESIS 6:9 (NLT)

“Noah always tried to conduct his affairs according to God’s will.”(LB)

4. I MUST _____

“Noah TRUSTED God. When he heard God’s warning about the future, Noah BELIEVED him even though there was no sign of a flood.”

HEBREWS11:7A (LB)

“. . . By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through FAITH.”

HEBREWS 11:7B (NCV)

“Noah found GRACE in the eyes of the Lord.”

GENESIS 6:8 (KJV)