

## WHEN YOUR SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSIBLE

How God Turns Setbacks into Comebacks  
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**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, but evil came instead. I waited for some light, but darkness fell. My heart is troubled and restless. Days of suffering torment me."* Job 30:26-27 (NIV)

### HOW DO I TRUST GOD FOR A COMEBACK WHEN MY SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSABLE?

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

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*"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 and bitter. I have to speak!"* Job 7:11 (GNT)

*"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)

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Job said, *"I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, '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 or revile God."* Job 1:21-22 (TLB)

### 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 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 will still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is my Savior."* Habakkuk 3:17-18 (GNT)

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(Elihu) *"Don't let your anger and the pain you endured make you sneer at God. Your reputation and riches cannot protect you from distress, nor can you find safety in the dark world below. Be on guard! 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 (MSG)

*"Go to the Lord for help, and worship him."* 1 Chronicles 16:11 (GNT)

*"Those who worship God will be encouraged."* Psalm 69:32 (GNT)

David: *"Here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in Your strength and glory."* Psalm 63:2 (MSG)

PAUL *"Because you are praying for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ is helping me, I know this trouble will bring my freedom."* Philippians 1:19 (NCV)

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*"His wife said to him, 'Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.' But Job replied, 'You talk like a foolish 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 kills me, I have hope in him."* Job 13:15 (NCV)

*"People who don't know God are always worrying."* Matthew 6:32 (CEV)

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Jesus: *"I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."* John 16:33 (MSG)

### JOB'S COMEBACK

*"After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before."* Job 42:10 (NIV)