

## WHEN A SETBACK FILLS YOU WITH FEAR

How God Turns Setbacks into Comebacks  
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### 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. 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus . . . He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!' Mary asked the angel, 'But how can this happen?'"*  
 Luke 1:29-34 (NLT)
- **JOSEPH FACED** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. 'Joseph, son of David,' the angel said, 'do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 1:18-20 (NLT)*
- **SHEPHERDS FACED** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!'" Luke 2:8-10 (NLT)*
- **KING HEROD FACED** \_\_\_\_\_

*"When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king . . . some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, 'Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem." Matthew 2:1-3 (CEV)*

- **ZECHARIAH FACED** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing on the right side of the incense table. When he saw the angel, Zechariah was startled and frightened. But the angel said to him, 'Zechariah, don't be afraid. God has heard your prayer.'" Luke 1:11-13 (NCV)*

### HOW CAN I REPLACE MY FEARS WITH FAITH?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.'" Luke 1:38 (NLT)*  
  
*"Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins—even those you do in secret. 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. You will rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry!" Job 11:13-18 (CEV)*
  2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23 (KJV)*
  3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Mary said: 'With all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Savior. God cares for me, his humble servant . . . God has blessed me. God All-Powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy . . . The Lord has used his powerful arm . . . God gives the hungry good things to eat . . . The Lord made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever!"*  
 Luke 1:46-55 (CEV)
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| 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 (NLT)*  
  
*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. I trust God, so I am not afraid of what people can do to me! I praise God for his promise to me." Psalm 56:3-4 (ERV)*