

COMEBACK Stories

Week One: The Great Comeback
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Philippians 3:8-11
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MOUNTAINS WERE MADE TO BE MOVED. THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WE HAVE ALL OF THE RESOURCES WE NEED TO MOVE ANY MOUNTAIN OR TO OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE IN LIFE!

The Resurrection reminds me of...

1. THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith – Philippians 3:9

ROMANS 3:10-12 “No one is righteous—not even one. ¹¹No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. ¹²All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.”

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE ACHIEVED (THROUGH HUMAN EFFORT) BUT TO BE RECEIVED (IN FAITH)

2. THE POWER OF HOPE

*I want to know Christ and **experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead*** – Philippians 3:10a

ROMANS 15:13 (NLT) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. THE EXAMPLE OF LOVE

I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! – Philippians 3:10b-11

JOHN 15:13, 15 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NIV) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

ROMANS 5:8 (ESV) God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The GREATEST OF COMEBACK STORIES—THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS can be the impetus for your personal comeback story. It begins with placing your faith and trust in Jesus—the Comeback King!

* All Scripture is from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.