



WAY TO VICTORY

A STUDY OF JOSHUA

#8: TURNING A SET-BACK INTO A COMEBACK

JOSHUA 8:1-35

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I. MY GOD SPECIALIZES IN TURNING SET-BACKS INTO COMEBACKS

To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.

Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)

All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.

1 Samuel 14:14 (NLT)

Thank God that he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (GWT)

II. HOW TO TURN MY SET-BACK INTO A COMEBACK—JOSHUA 8:1-35

1. Know that I serve the God of second chances (v.1a)

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 (NRSV)

2. Follow the instructions of His Word (v.1b)

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

Psalms 119:50 (NIV)

3. Believe the promises of the Lord (v.1c-2)

4. Be open to the new and different ways He chooses to work (v.3-13)

5. Trust that God is turning my set-back defeat into a come-back victory (v.14-29)

This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37 (NIV)

6. Renew my commitment to be faithful to Him (v.30-35)

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)

GOD'S HANDWRITING

He writes with characters too grand
For our short sight to understand;
We catch but broken strokes, and try
To fathom all the mystery
Of withered hopes, of death, of life,
The endless war, the useless strife –
But there, with larger, clearer sight
We shall see this – His way was right.

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