

# THE COMEBACK FACTOR

## **FROM DEAD-END TO DELIVERANCE**

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Romans 4:17-21 "That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, 'I have made you the father of many nations.' This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping - believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, 'That's how many descendants you will have!' And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead - and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises."

## **Three Truths About Comeback Faith**

### **1. Comeback Faith Faces the FACTS.**

Romans 4:19 "Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead - and so was Sarah's womb."

## **Faith cannot fix what you will not face.**

1 Peter 1:6-7 "So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold - though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."

## **"Today's pruning leads to tomorrow's abundance."**

John 15:1-2 "My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of Mine that doesn't produce fruit, and He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so **they will produce even more.**"

## **Faith gives you the power to realize that it is what it is, but it's not what it seems.**

Ecclesiastes 12:6 "Remember your Creator while you are young."

Matthew 17:20 "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

## 2. Comeback Faith Faces FORWARD.

Romans 4:20 "Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger."

Hebrews 11:8-10, 14-15 "It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, **he lived there by faith**. Abraham was confidently **looking forward** to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. Obviously people who say such things are **looking forward** to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back."

**"What you move toward moves toward you." John Maxwell**

Hebrews 11:15-16 "If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."

Romans 4:18 "Abraham kept **believing that he would become** the father of many nations."

**Believing always leads to becoming.**

Mark 4:31-32: "Faith is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and **becomes** the largest of all garden plants."

### **3. Comeback Faith Faces Your Heavenly FATHER.**

Romans 4:18 "Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing."

Psalm 77:14 "You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples."

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

**You can come back from any setback when you possess Comeback Faith.**

Memory Verse: Matthew 17:20 "Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'"

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