

## **BOOMERANG: God's Promise of a Comeback**

### ***Isaiah 43:18-19 MSG***

Have you ever watched a boomerang in flight? It's wild! The moment you release it; it looks like you've lost it. It appears to be going in the completely wrong direction. If you didn't know any better, you'd think you just threw away your weapon! But the moment when it seems the furthest away, it's exactly positioning itself for its comeback!

Some of you are living in that moment right now. It feels like everything you threw into life is flying away from you. Your dreams? Gone. Your relationships? Disappeared. Your purpose? Vanished. But you're not watching something fly away, you're watching God set up your COMEBACK!

That's why I'm so excited about what God declares in ***Isaiah 43:18-19***:

***"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history..."***

- Some of you are stuck because you're still gripping what God told you to release!
- That old identity? That past failure that's defined you? DROP IT!
- Your past is not your prison. Your history is not your destiny!
- ***"...don't keep going over old history."***
- You can't walk into tomorrow with both hands full of yesterday. Let it go!

***"...Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new..."***

- We're in a defining moment! Don't you dare give up now - God isn't just changing your situation - He's TRANSFORMING your entire life!

***"...It's bursting out! Don't you see it?..."***

- God wants you to SEE that His plan for you is BIGGER than your perspective! I need you to EVICT (empty) every thought of mediocrity, inferiority, or lack that's been paying rent in your mind!
- That voice saying "impossible"? That's not your voice - that's your FEAR talking! It's time to sync your vision with God's provision! Realign life based on what you SEE in the Spirit.

***"...There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands."***

- When God says comeback, He doesn't just bring a sprinkle - He brings a FLOOD!

See, the enemy thought he could throw you off course. But like a BOOMERANG, God is setting up a divine return! Your comeback isn't just possible - it's PROMISED!

Here's the thing ... your comeback isn't going to fall into your lap while you're sitting on your couch!

- That's what they did at the pool of Bethesda –Just sitting' there... WAITING! Hoping! Wishing!
- Waiting for the water to move! Waiting for tomorrow to be different than today!
- But – YOUR COMEBACK isn't waiting on chance or luck!
- Your comeback is waiting on a catalyst!

See, that thing you call a crisis... That thing you call a problem... That thing you call a disaster... that's your catalyst!

- When you're eating with pigs like the prodigal... that's your catalyst!
- When you're weeping bitter tears like Peter... that's your catalyst!
- When you're facing your failures like David... that's your catalyst!

## SETBACK

A setback is an unexpected change from better to worse, a disappointment, a reversal. Some of you are worried right now. You're questioning where God is.

- Maybe you're a mother who can't afford your children's education
- Maybe you're a father who can't find steady work
- Maybe you're young and feel trapped by your circumstances

Here's what I know ... setbacks are a reality we all encounter. "It rains on the just and the unjust." Here's what it says in **1 Peter 5:10**:

***"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*** NIV

It's true that ***you may suffer for a little while***, but through Christ, you will be ***restored***, and you will be ***made strong***, and you will be ***firm and steadfast***!

What does that mean? It's like this...

- What you call your disaster... God calls your doorway!
- What you call your crisis... God calls your catalyst!

You need to know that God doesn't waste your pain. He doesn't waste your hard seasons. He doesn't waste your struggles. Even your tears are precious to Him.

- God doesn't waste your difficult days, desert seasons, or disappointments.
- Every step is part of His purpose.
- He's working even when you can't see it.
- Every moment is making you stronger.

Here's what I'm saying... **GOD IS FULLY INVESTED IN YOUR COMEBACK!**

## **COMEBACK**

See, a comeback is more than just getting back up. It's a return! It's a resurgence!

- **Like Job** who lost everything but received double
- **Like the disciples** who went from hiding in fear to changing the world
- **Like Joseph** who went from the pit to the palace, from prisoner to prime minister.

***Micah 7:8*** shouts, ***"Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light."***

Somebody shout, "I will Rise!"

There's a key element to the comeback of a boomerang – it has to be thrown first!

- It must be released! If you hold on too tight you can't launch your comeback!
- **Question:** What do you need to release? **Drop it!**

Drop the lie that says God only blesses other people! Drop the fear that keeps you stuck in familiar struggles! Drop the belief that poverty is your destiny!

- Drop the mindset that says your address determines your future! Drop the shame of your past mistakes - **God's not done writing your story!**
- Drop the feeling that you're forgotten by God! Drop the fear of stepping out in faith! Drop the spirit of defeat that says nothing will ever change!
- Drop the habit of looking at what you lack instead of what you have! Drop the belief that your prayers are too small for God!

People will tell you what you can't do. They're telling you to give up. They're telling you to accept your limitations.

## **They are the same people who fail to understand the Power of the Gospel!**

- Tell your neighbor ... **don't underestimate me!**
- There's something deep in your spirit that will not allow you to quit.
- It's the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you!
- **Your comeback will be greater than your setback!**

**And it starts with** One step of faith ... One prayer of surrender ... One moment of trust in God's promises.

As I prepared this message, **I had this trip (you) in my mind and spirit.**

- The Lord showed me that we would meet people who are broken.
- You've been trying to gather what's been spilled (relationships, dreams)...
- But it keeps slipping through your fingers!
- I saw people laying down ... feeling paralyzed. You want to move but you can't.
- You want freedom but it feels like an impossible dream. Life seems hopeless.

But hear me ... God sent us here on assignment. This is not an accident. This is not coincidence. This is a divine appointment!

- You may have felt forgotten, but God knows your name.
- You may have felt overlooked, but God sees you.
- You may have felt stuck, but God is making a way where there was no way!

Right here. Right now. Heaven is leaning in. The Holy Spirit is moving. This is your moment! Your pain is producing something powerful! Your struggle is birthing a stronger you! Your past may have knocked you down, but your future is rising up!

When the prodigal son got up and started walking home, his **father ran to meet him!** When Peter stepped out of the boat, **Jesus reached out His hand!** When Bartimaeus cried out, **Jesus stopped and called his name!**

God is calling YOUR name right now. So stand to your feet and declare:

- ¡Dios no me ha olvidado! (God has not forgotten me!)
- ¡Mi historia no ha terminado! (My story is not over!)
- ¡Con Dios, voy a vencer! (With God, I will overcome!)

