

## GREATEST COMBACKS

### Part 1: Coming Back From Discontent

Genesis 3

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## MESSAGE NOTES

As soon as I get \_\_\_\_\_ then I'll have what I really want.

What's so bad about wanting more?

1. It never leads to satisfaction
2. It makes me the victim
3. It robs me of life

### Three Deceptions of Discontentment:

1. Your appetite is the biggest liar you know.
2. You can never achieve enough but you could die chasing it.
3. You could get what you're chasing only to realize it doesn't satisfy.

*I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they could see that it's not the answer.* — Jim Carrey

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.* — 1 Timothy 6 – 7, 17 – 19

### Three Truths about Contentment:

1. Discontentment can't be repressed but must be replaced.
2. Replace discontentment with generosity.
3. The value of your life will be measured by how much of it was given away.

**You are exactly where God wants you be**

**You already have everything you need**

### Closing Questions:

- Whose life is improving because of your faith?
- Other than stuff, what will you leave behind?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- As we considered the opponent of discontentment, what stood out to you this weekend?
- How would you describe someone who is clearly discontent? What are some of the consequences of discontentment?
- Discontentment can show up in different forms (Envy, Idolatry, Lust, Greed, Materialism, Gluttony, Compare, etc.). What are some of the more common forms of discontent that you've witnessed?
- Based on Genesis 3, Mark said, "Your appetite is the biggest liar you know." How have you experienced this personally?
- Read this passage: But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6 – 7, 17– 19 What stands out to you in this passage?
- Mark said, "The value of your life will be measured by how much of it was given away." Other than stuff, what do you hope to leave behind?
- This week, how can you take a step away from discontentment and take a step toward generosity?