



## COMEBACK MOMENTS

Acts 1:1 – 26  
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### MESSAGE NOTES

#### Important Comeback Words from the Apostle Peter's Life:

- **Forgive**

*And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. — Matthew 26:75 (ESV)*

*... but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. — Romans 5:8 (ESV)*

*"... Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee ..." — Mark 16:6 – 7 (ESV)*

*"Jesus has risen! He is not here! ... But go, tell His disciples and **"insert in your name"** ... He is going ahead of you ..." — Mark 16:6 – 7 (ESV)*

*Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. — Luke 17:3 – 6 (ESV)*

- **Teammates**

*So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. — Acts 1:21 – 26 (ESV)*

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." — Matthew 28:18 – 20 (ESV)*



- **Power**

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." — Acts 1:8 (ESV)*



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What is one of your favorite comeback stories from sports or life?
- The greatest comeback story in history is Jesus rising from the grave. What lessons do we learn from the story of the cross when it comes to life comebacks?
- Pastor Jon said, *"By God's grace, we are all starting our 'second half' today."* What is an area of your life or a relationship where you need this reminder, and why?
- Read Mark 16:6 – 7. Why was it significant that Jesus called Peter by name after the resurrection? How is forgiveness central to comeback moments with God, and how does that lead us to forgive others? What does it mean to forgive someone with God's help?
- Read Luke 17:3 – 6. It has been said that bitterness and unforgiveness are like drinking poison yourself and expecting it to kill someone else. What does that mean, and why is forgiveness through Christ such a powerful source of freedom?
- When it comes to life transformation through Christ, why is *"teamwork"* such an important word in how God brings comebacks into our lives? What is an example of how growing in Christ is a team sport?
- Read Acts 1:8. We serve a God of comebacks who gives us the power to be *"witnesses"* of His great redemption story. Who is someone in your life God may be leading you to show His love and share His message of hope with?
- Pair up and share about someone you might need to forgive (even if you don't mention them by name). Pray for each other to experience a God-sized comeback in the second half, whether that involves restoration with the person or freedom from its effects.