

WHEN A SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSIBLE: T.R.U.S.T. GOD Job 30:26-27

SERIES: *HOW GOD TURNS SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS*

²⁶ I hoped for happiness and light, but trouble and darkness came instead. ²⁷ I am torn apart by worry and pain; I have had day after day of suffering.

Job 30:26-27 (TEV)

SETBACK: *A loss of progress, a defeat of a plan, or a reversal of good fortune. An act or instance of setting back.*

1. T _____ God Exactly How I _____.

²⁰ Job stood up, tore his robe in grief, and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground and worshiped. *Job 1:20 (GW)*

¹¹ No! I can't be quiet! I am angry and bitter. I have to speak. *Job 7:11 (TEV)*

¹⁹ Get up, cry out in the night, even as the night begins. Pour out your heart like water in prayer to the Lord. Lift up your hands in prayer to him for the life of your children who are fainting with hunger on every street corner.

Lamentations 2:19 (NCV)

¹⁰ I believed, so I said, "I am completely ruined." *Psalms 116:10 (NCV)*

2. R _____ To Become _____.

²¹ "I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, "and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." ²² In all of this Job did not sin or revile God. *Job 1:21-22 (TLB)*

- **The antidote to bitterness is gratitude for God's goodness!**
- **When you've had a setback, remember:**
 - God will never stop loving you.
 - God has a plan for your life.
 - God cares about every detail of your life.
 - God is in control of things I do not understand.
 - God will protect me.

¹⁷ Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, ¹⁸ I will still be joyful and glad, because the LORD God is my savior. *Habakkuk 3:17-18 (TEV)*

3. U _____ With Others Who Help Me Focus On _____.

¹⁸ Be careful not to let bribes deceive you, or riches lead you astray. ¹⁹ It will do you no good to cry out for help; all your strength can't help you now. ²⁰ Don't wish for night to come, the time when nations will perish. ²¹ Be careful not to turn to evil; your suffering was sent to keep you from it. ²² Remember how great is God's power; he is the greatest teacher of all. ²³ No one can tell God what to do or accuse him of doing evil. ²⁴ He has always been praised for what he does; you also must praise him. *Job 36:18-24 (TEV)*

¹³ But true wisdom and power are God's. He alone knows what we should do; he understands. *Job 12:13 (TLB)*

³² The humble shall see their God at work for them. No wonder they will be so glad! All who seek for God shall live in joy. ³³ For Jehovah hears the cries of his needy ones and does not look the other way. *Psalms 69:32-33 (TLB)*

² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. *Psalms 63:2 (NIV)*

4. S _____ My Future To _____.

⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die." ¹⁰ But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong. *Job 2:9-10 (NLT2)*

¹⁵ Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face. *Job 13:15 (ESV)*

³¹ "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. *Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT2)*

5. T _____ Jesus for Every Detail of My _____.

³³ I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to me. The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!" *John 16:33 (TEV)*

¹⁰ Then, after Job had prayed for his three friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had had before. *Job 42:10 (TEV)*