The Comeback

A LifePoint Sermon series based loosely on the Louie Giglio book "The Comeback"

Week 5 – Comeback lessons from a reluctant prophet

Comeback = Renewed success after being close to defeat or failure

Review

Week 1 – What looks like **defeat** is often **victory** in disguise.
"Sometimes you have to go ***through*** something to get ***to*** something"

Week 2 - The devil's **intentions** never defeat the **plan** of **God**.
Scripture says, "If God be for you , who can be against you?"

Week 3 - If death is **defeated**, **failure** isn't **final**.

Week 4 – You can comeback, even from **fatal** **failure**.

2 Truths of The Comeback

1. You're never too **far**
2. It's never too **late**

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Text: *Jonah 2:1-2 (NIV) From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. **2** He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.*

- God is **in** **control**.

- Your **want** and God's **will** can't always **coexist**.

- There's always a boat waiting to take you in the **wrong** **direction**.

Jonah 1:3 (NIV) But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found ***a ship bound for that port.*** *After* ***paying the fare,*** *he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.*

- Not every storm is meant to **kill** **you**, some storms are meant to **save** **you**.

Jonah 1:15-17 (NIV) Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ***16*** *At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him. Now the Lord* ***provided*** *a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

- In order for comeback to begin, **something** has to **change**.

Jonah 3:1-3 (NIV) Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ***2*** *"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."* ***3*** ***Jonah obeyed*** *the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.*

- God's **purpose** is bigger than your **rebellion**, your **failure** or your **circumstances**.

Jonah 3:5 (NIV) The Ninevites believed God…