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The Return

Every great **comeback** starts with a setback.

Luke 15:18 KJV

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.

God is not a God of **setbacks**.

God is a God of **comebacks!**

2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble** themselves, and **pray**, and **seek my face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Humble themselves

Pray

Seek the face of God

Turn from their **wicked** ways

Didn't We Cover This?

John 13:35 NLT

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. **It does not demand its own way**. It is not irritable, and **it keeps no record of being wronged**. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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Romans 12:16-18 NLT

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. **And don't think you know it all!** Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. **Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.**

The Damage of Unresolved Conflict

It **blocks** my fellowship with God.

1 John 4:20 NLT

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Matthew 6:14-15 NIV

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Biblical Steps to Conflict Resolution

1) Take the initiative. The only way to resolve a conflict is to face the conflict.

It's always your move.

Matthew 18:15-17 NLT

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

2) Deal with your fears of conflict.

2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline!

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3) Deal with how to set up the **meeting**.

4) Deal with what to do in the meeting to **resolve** the conflict.

Philippians 2:5 NLT

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Incompatibility is a feel-good word for **immaturity**.

Listen for the Hurt.

James 1:19 NLT

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

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The Greatest Comeback is the **Resurrection** of Jesus Christ!

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