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*Comeback*

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# I'm Making A Comeback

*2 Kings 18:1-7*

# INTRODUCTION

## NOTES

The 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Kings is a handbook on how God brings about restoration in lives of God's people. What is noteworthy about this text is the way in which this comeback happens in the nation as a result of the transformation that happens in the life of one man. The renewal of the temple, the revival of the community, and the rebuilding of the home occurred all because God did something first in the life of one brother. Society changed, the culture shifted, the community got better because a change happened in, for, and through one man. We need the same thing to happen today. In this message, we're going to take a look three steps we must take in handling our trauma if we want to experience the kind of renewal and revival we read about in 2 Kings 18. Let's dive in.

## KEY POINTS

## 1. Heal From Past Trauma

We learn from reading the story of Hezekiah that his father wasn't the best guy on the planet. As a result of the deeds of his dad, Hezekiah inherited many of the problems that were passed down from his father. He grew up in a home that was filled with the immorality, ungodly ways, and bad habits of his father.

So when he became king, the odds were stacked against him. He didn't have a solid spiritual example from the primary male figure in his life, he learned habits that were destructive for the development of a young man's mind, and he just wasn't given the kinds of advantages others had. His dad didn't love the Lord, didn't treat people right, didn't read the bible, was not a praying man, and lived his life contrary to the Word of God.

But despite all that, Hezekiah did not allow the misdeeds of his dad prevent him from finding the truth about God, living with integrity, and leading people in the right direction. And for that to happen, he had to heal from the trauma in his past. He models for us that regardless of the cards life deals you, if you play them right, you can turn things around and win even if you're dealt a bad hand.

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## 2. Bury Your Trauma

I've discovered that sometimes in order to be free, to be liberated, and to be revived, you've got to bury what's in your past before you can claim what's in your future. Some people can't claim what God has before them because they're still holding on to what has happened behind them. They can't grab what God wants to do in their future because their minds and hearts are fixed on what has happened in their past.

So if we want to move on to what God has for us, we have to bury our trauma. We do that by first becoming more aware of what we've walked through. We process it. We talk about it. We work through it rather than suppressing it. And then from there, we find something to celebrate. Instead of focusing all of our attention on the bad things we've been through, we should be focusing on the good things that have happened in our lives and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness we see in those things.

### 3. Repair What The Enemy Tore Down

When Hezekiah became king, he repaired the damaged temple and fixed the broken furniture. To increase security of the nation, he reinforced the wall around the city, stockpiled weapons and food, and built a tunnel to a hidden spring outside the wall so that the people might have water on the inside.

Change happened because Hezekiah did not allow what was damaged deter him. He just fixed it. He did not give up on what he could be, on what he could do, and on what he could have in his tomorrow because of what had happened in his yesterday. Instead, he had the faith enough, the courage enough, and the strength enough to repair, restore, and refurbish the things in his life that needed to be fixed.

All around us there are damaged people with delayed destinies and aborted dreams because there are broken things in their lives in need of repair. Hezekiah shows us that you can make a comeback by repairing what was broken in your past.

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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Is there any past trauma you still need to heal from? What is stopping you from seeking that healing?
2. What is one good thing in your life you can celebrate right now?
3. Is there something in your life you would like to see God repair? Spend time in prayer today asking Him to do that restorative work in your life.

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