

Hope Chapel New Year Theme – “Already Won in 2021”

Message Summary: Everyone loves a good comeback story. Why? Because we all relate. We have all experienced the pain and frustration of setbacks. Whether it is the loss of a job / loss of a marriage / bankruptcy / overcoming addictions and destructive behavior / being betrayed by others / failed business adventure / didn't finish your education / or a physical setback – sickness or surgery. Setbacks can come in all shapes and sizes. One thing is for certain, in this life you will have setbacks. How you respond to them will define your life. You can let setbacks define you or you can learn how to turn a setback into a comeback.

Already Won - Turning a Setback into a Comeback

- 1. Reject a victim's mentality Galatians 6:4-5**
 - A. Stop giving people or circumstances so much power over your life
 - B. Take responsibility for your life

- 2. Acknowledge your part in the setback Psalm 32:5**
 - A. Acknowledge the wrong behavior that caused the setback
 - B. Acknowledge the wrong behavior in response to the setback

- 3. Surrender to God's sovereign purposes Proverbs 19:21**
 - A. Surrender to God's specific plan for your **future**
 - B. Surrender to God's specific plan for your **present**

- 4. Get back in the game following Jesus Proverbs 24:16**

All LifeGroups are on Holiday Break until January 18th

Discussion Questions:

1. Share your own stories regarding setbacks you have experienced.
2. Why is it so important we move away from embracing any type of a victim's mentality in order to make a comeback? How hard is this to do?
3. Discuss the significance of our need to acknowledge our part in the setback. Discuss how this acknowledgment is in two directions.
4. Even when we can't see any reason or purpose in our setbacks, what does God's Word tell us about God's sovereign plans? How do we cooperate with God's plans in our setbacks?
5. Eventually we have to get back up and get back into the game of life following Jesus again. What does this look like? How have some of you done this? What do some of you need to do in the midst of your current setback?