How Do You Come Back From That

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INTRODUCTION

- So many of us have not just sinned, but maybe sinned in a public way.
- And we've disappointed ourselves, our families, our brethren, and our God. And we feel like there's no coming back from that.
- I might point out to you that every one of these people did. Peter not only came back, he became Peter the apostle.

1 It Takes Faith

Micah 7:18–19; 1 John 3:19–20

- It absolutely demands faith for you to come back from a devastating loss, a devastating and embarrassing open sin.
- It believes that whatever he says I must do, but it also believes that whatever he says, he will do.
- Who is a God like you? Pardoning iniquity, passing over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage. He does not remain in his anger forever. Because he delights in mercy.
- You will cast our sins into the depths of the sea.
- Do I have faith that God will do what he says he will do. That God will take me back.
- For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and know all things.

2 It Takes Repentance

Luke 15:15–20; 2 Corinthians 7

- You can't come back from any sin unless you come back from it. It demands some repentance.
- It demands a change of heart and attitude of the godly sorrow that Paul talked to the Corinthians about in 2 Corinthians chapter 7.
- I will arise and go to my father and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son.
- Repentance involved recognizing the depths to which we have sunk. It recognizes that we must go back and open our soul bare before our Father.
- It's not just enough to say, here's what I need to do, but to do it.
- That's how you come back from that. You just come back.

3 God Will Show Grace

Romans 5:20–21; Luke 15

- Let's just focus on the fact that God will forgive. God will show grace.
- He doesn't accept him back on probation.
- Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.

- How do you come back from an abundance of sin? Through the abundance of God's grace.
- We must show grace. When our erring brethren come back. Don't be the elder brother in the story of the prodigal son.
- Remembering that we're all here in our Father's household by grace and forgiveness through faith and repentance.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you come back this morning, trusting in God, repenting of your sins, knowing that you'll receive grace from other forgiven sinners and from a merciful Father? You can come back from that.

MY NOTES