



WEEKLY STUDY

Week Six

In our final message in the Comeback series, Pastor Pierce highlighted the connection between David and the eventual comeback of Jesus. His comeback makes a way for our comeback to new and real life forever.

If you are studying with your Providence Small Group, you can share from daily readings as well as the additional question at the bottom of this guide. If you would like to get connected to a Providence Small Group visit prov.church/smallgroups.

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture. Follow the daily prayer prompt and then pray this or your own prayer.

God,
Our comeback is secured in Jesus Christ.
Yet today I recognize that I am in the process of letting Jesus fully shine through me.
May I continually practice your presence, pray through you great promises,
And share your goodness with others.
Amen

DAILY STUDY

MONDAY: 2 SAMUEL 7.11-16

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

- The comeback is about the long view. The path we take to stay in the stream of God’s desire and design for our life is for us, but also a light to future generations. The kingdom that God speaks of here is fulfilled in the kingdom that Jesus announced and promises to fully usher in one day.

- *Pray for a long view of your story. Pray for visions of future generations coming to Jesus and living for the Kingdom of God.*

TUESDAY: JEREMIAH 23.5

*“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.”*

- The kings of the Bible were all imperfect. A few “did what was right in the sight of God”, but ultimately it became clear that no human king would be fully righteous. But out of this imperfect lineage would come a Branch—Jesus who reigns with wisdom, justice, and righteousness.
- *List and then pray through the ways the world needs God’s wisdom, justice and righteousness.*

WEDNESDAY: MATTHEW 28.1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

⁵ *The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”*

⁸ *So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”*

- Jesus’ unlikely comeback from the grave left the women who witnessed the empty tomb “afraid but filled with joy”. Sometimes the possibility of our own comeback shocks us out of a kind of comfort based in self-righteousness and laziness. The women took off to share the news of Jesus’ resurrection.
- *Pray for passion and preparation for living a comeback story.*

THURSDAY: COLOSSIANS 3.1-4

“Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory!”

- In the message Pierce said, “Just as David’s victory over Goliath gave victory to all those unable to kill Goliath, so does Christ’s victory of sin and death give us victory over sin and death.” Our victory is wrapped up in Jesus’ victory. The end of the story is that we will appear with him in glory!

- *Thank God for the opportunity to live a resurrection life today.*

FRIDAY: GALATIANS 2.20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

- While it might be tempting to receive the gift from Jesus and live a life unchanged, if Christ lives in us, then we are changed—and being changed at the same time. There is no checking salvation off of a to-do list—there is only diving in!
- Pray for a greater awareness that you are not only being made “like” Jesus, but Jesus is dwelling in you.

SATURDAY: PSALM 89.1-4

*I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.*

²*I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

³*You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,*

⁴*‘I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.’”*

- The fact that we are changed through the work of Jesus means that we are called to share. We are called to sing of the Lord’s great love forever... through all generations. We are called to declare that the love of God is unwavering.
- *Pray the words of Psalm 89.1-4.*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Pastor Pierce shared about the pitfalls of shame and pride that can cause us to stumble even as God invites us into a comeback. Have you experienced these two pitfalls? How have they limited your response to God? How have you overcome them?