Text: Proverbs 24:16 NLT *The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again*. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

KJV For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Introduction: The 2024 slip ups, the trip ups or the frequent falls are not where you stay! God declared, "For every Set Back there is a Comeback!"

Example: Moses hides in fear before he delivers Israel!

1 John **3:8b** ... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

• When God raised Jesus from the dead He has one clear and simple purpose for your life!

TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL!

Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. ¹⁵ Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, ¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Communion!

YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD!

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

FOUR ACTIONS FOR YOUR COMEBACK!

1. STAND UP 2. STEP OUT 3. STAND OUT 4. SPEAK OUT

 STAND UP - Acts 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. ¹⁶But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; ¹⁷Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, ¹⁸To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Regardless of what has you down or you must face, God has called you to STAND UP!

2. STEP OUT

- What you know to be true must be acted upon!
- What you stand up to you must step out in!
- What you stand up in requires you to act upon!

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.---²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

3. STAND OUT - 2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

• Joshua had to stand out from the rest!

Joshua 1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

• The Arc of the Covenant had to stand out

Joshua 3:4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.
 ⁵And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.
 ⁶And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

• Example of Peter and John – with opposition

Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, ²Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ---after being threatened by the Sadducees that they preach no more in Jesus name---v29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, ³⁰By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. ³¹And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. ---great miracles did God through Apostle John & Peter's shadow healing then Ananias & Sapphira drop dead while holding back their giving and the Sadducees put them in the common prison ---

Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, ²⁰ Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

4. SPEAK OUT

Once we stand up, step out and stand out from the rest we have a place to speak out! From there we must lift up our voice with strength!

- Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, ${}^{20}Go$, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.
- **Isaiah 40:9** O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, **lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!** ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him:
- Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: ²² But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Finish 2024 strong with your tithes and offerings!

Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ² Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.