

From Cut Down to Back Up  
The Comeback  
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Romans 8:11 NLT

- Theme: Our natural CHOICES tend to cut us down; Jesus came to lift us back up.
- The party crasher - Luke 7:36-38
  - ✓ Her choices were HARMFUL
  - ✓ Guilt and shame were HEAVY
  - ✓ She poured her SELF-RELIANCE out on Jesus
- Who is in, who is out? - Luke 7:39-46
  - ✓ Doubting Christ's IDENTITY
  - ✓ Who loves MORE?
- The forgiven - Luke 7:47-50
  - ✓ How we VIEW our sin is directly correlated to the amount of LOVE we have for Jesus - Job 14:7-9
  - ✓ There is a RIVER/source - Psalm 46:4
    - The out can get IN again
    - The down can get UP again
    - The depressed can rejoice again
    - The broken can be WHOLE again
    - The fallen can RISE again
    - The forgotten can be remembered again
    - The captive can be FREE again
    - You are not beyond REPAIR
    - Her SURRENDER was her gamechanger