

## RISING STRONG

# SERIES OVERVIEW

"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life," (Romans 6:4b). The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through four of those stories, we will discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God outstretches God's hand, ready to raise us up.

#### WEEK 1: RISING FROM SKEPTICISM (THOMAS) | JOHN 20:24-28

The journey from unbelief to belief requires a grace-filled encounter with the Living Christ.

#### Week 2: Rising from Denial (Peter) | John 21:15-19

The love and forgiveness of God is what enables us to rise above our mistakes and become more faithful disciples.

### WEEK 3: RISING FROM HATRED (SAUL/PAUL) | ACTS 9:1-22

In a divided world, hatred can bubble up even in the hearts of those who seek to do good. The risen Christ moves us from a place of judgement to a place of connection, so that we can work together for the sake of God's kin(g)dom.

#### Week 4: Rising from Quarreling (the Church) | acts 15:1-21

As communities work through inevitable conflicts, prioritizing grace can lead us to become stronger and healthier in our relationships with God and one another.



