



## The God of a Second Chance

Jonah 3:1-10  
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### God's Words to Jonah (1-3)

Jonah 3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh... (NIV)

God sometimes gives us a second chance, so we should seize it and not take it for granted.

God's call on my life does not go away.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (ESV)

God's call can be difficult, but he is there to empower us.

To serve God, we must get out of the way and lose ourselves in his words, his will, and his way.

When I am disciplined by God, I tend to be more obedient.

We are all called and SENT to Live a BOLD Life!

### Jonah's Words to Nineveh (3-4)

Jonah 3:3 .... Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. 4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." (NIV)

God's judgment always includes God's grace.

We need God's judgment to understand how to make things right.

### Nineveh's Words to God (5-9)

Jonah 3:5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (NIV)

Jesus: "the sign of Jonah" (Matt. 12:39 & Lk. 11:30)

Ultimately, repentance is a work of God.

2 Timothy 2:25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth. (NIV)

Even those who we think are far from God can still turn to him.

Jonah 3:6 When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. 7 This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. 8 But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence." (NIV)

I respond to God's second chance by...

- Hearing (1-4) (Rom. 10:17)
- Believing (5) (Acts 16:31)
- Humbling (5-8) (Prov. 3:34; Matt. 23:12; Jas. 4:1 Pet. 5:5)
- Praying (8) (Psa. 50:15; 145:18; Rom. 10:13)
- Repenting (8) (Matt. 3:8)

Jonah 3:9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." (NIV)

### God's Words to Nineveh (10)

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV)

God giving a second chance reveals something about God: When we turn, God turns.

God is willing to change his mind about his judgment when we change our mind about our sin.

Is God giving me a second chance?

Who in my life needs a second chance?