



Jonah #3 – “God Is Not Done With You Yet”

*“When We Fail - God Doesn’t Fire Us -
He Reinstates Us Through His Overwhelming Mercy & Grace”*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, Jonah 3:1

- God’s Mercy Is Not A Reward For GOOD Behavior, But A RESCUE Effort For Deeply Flawed & Broken People.

“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city,^[a] three days' journey in breadth.^[b] ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” Jonah 3:3-4

- Never UNDERESTIMATE What God Might Be Doing Inside Someone’s Life.

Evidence of True Repentance:

And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.⁶ The word reached^[c] the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Jonah 3:5-6

#1. The King Gets Up Off His THRONE

#2. The King Removes His ROBE

#3. The King Covers Himself With SACKCLOTH

#4. The King Sat In The DIRT

⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Jonah 3:7-8

- When God Gave The Ninevites A Second Chance, They Called On God URGENTLY

Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”
Jonah 3:8-9

Understanding God’s Judgement

*“The misery, the social breakdown, the economic and political devouring of one another and the inner emptiness and discontent it brings, is all actually an outworking of God’s wrath.”
~Timothy Keller~ “Rediscovering Jonah”*

- Judgment Is Not God’s FIRST Response, It Is God’s Last Resort.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. Jonah 3:10

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ JONAH 3:1-10.

- Have you ever failed miserably only to be offered a second chance? What was that like?
- Why do you think God chose to re-commission Jonah rather than choosing a completely different, more willing prophet?
- Share a time when you have obeyed God, but done so reluctantly?
- Why are we sometimes surprised when people we consider "too far gone" or hostile to faith respond to God's message?
- What distinguished the deep, cultural repentance of the Ninevite King from superficial or temporary remorse?
- Nineveh justly deserved destruction due to its violence. How does Jonah chapter 3 foreshadow the Gospel, where God's wrath against sin is satisfied, yet His desire to extend mercy and second chances is fulfilled?
- The message given to Nineveh included a specific timeline: *"Yet forty days..."* While God is the God of the second chance, what does this timeline teach us about the urgency of responding to God's warnings before a window of grace closes.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

#1. Where do I need a "second time"?

What is stopping you from accepting God’s grace to hit the "reset button" today?

#2. Who have I written off?

How has harboring that attitude distort your own understanding of the grace of God that you have received?

#3. Am i waiting for perfection before I obey?

How can you step out in imperfect obedience this week, trusting God's power over your performance?

SOURCE:

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