

Daily Devotional for October 11, 2021

“And the word of the Lord came to Jonah **a second time.**” Jonah 3:1

This weekend on the Monterey Peninsula was the “Sea Otter Bike Classic”. An interesting sight I saw by the church was a group of about 25 bicycle riders, dressed up like “Hell’s Angels” but only they were riding bicycles that had been “chopped” and looked just like Harley Davidson motorcycles.

It reminded me of a letter Albert Einstein wrote to his son Eduard, giving him the following advice: “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.” Einstein’s advice is wise and practical. This wise counsel can apply to the Christian life. Many believers by faith keep moving ahead through painful and trying circumstances. But when they experience a personal failure, they may lose their balance and fall. Their regret and feeling of unworthiness of God’s forgiveness may then keep them down and they no longer move ahead in their spiritual life.

The Bible gives us many examples of those who have experienced personal failure. Abraham lied to Pharaoh about his wife, Sarah (Gen. 12:11-17). Jacob deceived his father to acquire Esau’s blessing (Gen. 27:18-29). Moses disobeyed God by striking the rock instead of speaking to it (Num. 20:7-12). David committed adultery against Bathsheba and had her husband murdered. (2 Samuel 16).

These biblical characters are lifted up as examples because after they fell, they turned back to God and began to follow Him again.

**Thought For Today:** Have you lost your spiritual balance through a sinful choice which is keeping you down? Repent and follow the God of second chances once again.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God that he is the God of second chances. If you have failed the Lord, ask for forgiveness and keep moving forward. Take time to review this week’s updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.