

July 24, 2016
Jonah 3:1-4

GOD OF THE SECOND CHANCE

I. Introduction:

Thank God For Second and Third Chances

II. Three Things Jonah Learned About God:

A. God Gives _____ Chances:

“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:” Jonah 3:1

B. God Still Had A _____ For His Life

“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim the message I give you.” Jonah 3:2

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

C. How Much God Can Do With One _____

“Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started inot the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” Jonah 3:3-4

III. Conclusion:

- For those who put their faith and trust in God, failure is not final. God is the God of Second Chances.
- Is the Word of the Lord speaking to you a second time today?

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of July 24th to 31st
God Of The Second Chances
Jonah 3:1 to 4:11

Open It

1. If you were offered a trip to the city of your choice anywhere in the world, what city would you choose? Why?
2. *When things don't go your way, how do you tend to respond?
3. What most easily moves you to compassion?

Explore It

4. What did God command Jonah to do? (3:1-2)
5. How did Jonah respond to God's instructions? (3:3)
6. What did Jonah tell the Ninevites? (3:4)
7. How did the people respond to Jonah's message? (3:5)
8. What did the king do? (3:6)
9. What did the king decree? (3:7-9)
10. What action did God take? (3:10)
11. *How did Jonah respond to God's goodness to the Ninevites? (4:1)
12. *What was the attitude of Jonah's prayer? (4:2-3)
13. What did God say to Jonah? (4:4)
14. What did the distraught prophet do? (4:5)
15. How did God deal with Jonah? (4:6-11)
16. *What did God want Jonah to understand? (4:9-11)

Get It

17. When have you experienced a surprising, undeserved measure of God's mercy in your life?
18. Why do you think that fasting might be a useful part of repentance?

19. In your view, which culture, nation, or special interest group is undeserving of God's mercy?
20. *God was very gracious to Jonah, a pouting, reactive type. How does God deal with your prickly side?
21. How does the story of Jonah affect your view of cross-cultural ministry?
22. *Jonah wanted Nineveh, Israel's enemy, destroyed. When have you wanted revenge rather than restoration in a relationship?
23. What hard lesson have you had to learn from God?

Apply It

24. *What is one way you can extend God's love and mercy toward others, particularly those who don't deserve it?
25. How can you express thanks to the Lord this week for all the love and mercy He has given to you and others?