

What to Do When You Get Another Chance

SERIES: JONAH A FISH STORY AND MORE – Part 3

JONAH 3:1-10

“Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah A SECOND TIME!” Jonah 3:1

GOD DELIGHTS IN SHOWING US GRACE & MERCY

“A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. BUT if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.” Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

“The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! It is his mercy that has kept us from complete destruction. His faithfulness is great and his mercies begin afresh every new day.” Lamentations 3:22-23

EVERY NEW DAY IS ANOTHER **CHANCE FROM GOD**

WHAT DO I DO WHEN GOD GIVES ME ANOTHER CHANCE?

1. LIVE WITH PROFOUND **GRATITUDE**

*“Jonah told God, ‘I will sing my thanksgiving to you, and I will sacrifice to you, and I’ll do what I’ve promised you to do, because salvation comes from you Lord!’ Then God ordered the fish to spit up Jonah onto the beach, and it did.”
Jonah 2:9-10*

- **SING MY THANKS to God**

“It is good to say thank you to the Lord and sing praises to Him. Every morning tell him, ‘Thank you for your kindness!’” Psalms 92:1-2 (LB)

- **GIVE MY **OFFERING** IN THANKS TO God**

“The people who honor me are those who bring me offerings to show thanks. And I save those who obey me.” Psalms 50:23 (NCV)

- **COMMIT MY LIFE TO GOD’S MISSION FOR ME**

“...Give yourselves completely to God -- every part of you -- for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.” Romans 6:13 (LB)

2. MAKE MY **LIFE MISSION** MY TOP PRIORITY

“Do not let the grace that you received from God be for nothing!” 2 Corinthians 6:1 (NCV)

Paul: “I don’t care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.” Acts 20:24 (NCV)

"Then the Lord spoke to Jonah again: 'Go to that great city, Nineveh and WARN THEM of their doom, as I told you to before!'" Jonah 3:1-2

Circumstances may change ME but NEVER CHANGE MY MISSION!

"God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn; he will never go back on his promises!"
Romans 11:29 (LB)

3. DON'T DELAY – OBEY TODAY!

"This time Jonah immediately headed to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord." Jonah 3:3a

DELAYED obedience is disobedience!

4. ACCEPT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO WARN OTHERS

This is one part of your Life Mission

"Now the city of Nineveh was so big that it took three days to walk around it. But after walking for a day, Jonah WARNED the people..." Jonah 3:3b-4 (CEV)

A WARNING: cautionary advice about a danger, trap, or problem

"For three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears!" Acts 20:31 (NIV)

"Jonah warned the people 'In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed!'"
Jonah 3:4b (NCV)

We are to humbly accept warnings & lovingly give warnings

WHEN?

1. WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT **THINKING** WISELY

2. WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT **ACTING** WISELY

5. EXPECT GOD TO USE ME

"The Ninevites believed God... They humbled themselves putting on sackcloth...even the King sat down in the dust! Then the King proclaimed a public fast... Then let us all pray urgently to God, and let us turn from our evil ways and let us stop all our violence! Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.' When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not do what he had warned he'd do." Jonah 3:5-10

"Warn each other every day, because it's still called 'today', and so that your heart isn't hardened against God by the sin's deceit. We will share in all that belongs to Christ if we hold firmly till the end... SO IF you hear God's voice today, listen and don't be stubborn!" Hebrews 3:13-15