## The Best News Since the Gospel August 1, 2020

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Jonah 3:1-5

The <u>gospel</u> is the good news of God's <u>saving</u> <u>Grace</u>. The next best news is that God is the God of <u>another chance</u>.

- A. Sometimes God repeats Himself to <u>provide</u> another <u>opportunity</u> for <u>obedience</u>.
- B. Sometimes God repeats Himself to strengthen our trust in Him.
- C. Sometimes God repeats Himself to get us moving again.
- II. WHAT IS THE FIRST WORD WE RECEIVED FOR 2020? <u>Isaiah 54:1-4</u>
  - A. Lengthen and Strengthen.

- 1. Lengthen your cords to <u>prepare</u> for <u>blessing</u>.
- 2. Strengthen your cords to <u>prepare</u> for <u>adversity</u>.
- B. God can make the desert bloom.
- C. <u>Increase</u> comes from the Lord!
- D. <u>Prepare</u> for increase <u>before</u> it comes.
  - 1. We must <u>rearrange</u> some things.
  - 2. We must <u>embrace</u> some new things.
  - 3. We must <u>release</u> some things.
- E. Anticipate <u>adversity</u> and <u>hardship</u>.
- F. <u>Trusting</u> God is the key to <u>hope</u> for the future.