

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET SECOND CHANCE?

Jonah Pt 3 Jonah 3:1-10 Pastor Craig Coulter

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah A SECOND TIME! (Jonah 3:1 NIV)

Mulligan verse:

A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. BUT if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets <u>another chance</u>. (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)

1. LIVE WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE

Jonah told God, "I will <u>sing my thanksgiving to you</u>, and I will <u>sacrifice to you</u>. and I'll <u>do what I've</u> <u>promised you to do</u>, because <u>salvation comes from you Lord!</u>" 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 <u>say thank you</u> to the Lord and <u>sing praises</u> 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 <u>honor me</u> are those who <u>bring me offerings to show thanks</u>. 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 <u>most important thing</u> is that I <u>complete my mission</u>, 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 <u>again</u>: "Go to that great city, Nineveh and <u>WARN THEM</u> of their doom, <u>as I told you to before!</u>" (Jonah 3:1-2)

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

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

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

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

5. EXPECT GOD TO USE ME

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