

Diving Deeper // 1-31-21 // God's Will Part 3

Scripture Passage: Jonah 3

Review of the story of Jonah

- Reveals the heart of God for a believer // God won't stop pursuing you and His will for your life.
- Reveals the heart of God for those who are so far from Him. // God loved the wicked people of Nineveh even when they didn't love Him
- Jonah 1:17- God prepared a great fish to save Jonah from drowning and to save the people of Nineveh from their sin
- Jonah 2:1-4: You can repent and choose to follow the will of God even if you have been walking away from Him

Jonah 3

Jonah 3:1- Word of the LORD came to Jonah a **second time** (same calling // second chance).

- Truths we learn:
 - God will use people with a past.
 - God gives people a second chance and we should too.
 - We will never make a difference in a broken world until we are willing to enter the brokenness of others

Jonah 3:3-10- Jonah preaches a call to repentance to the people of Nineveh

- Truths we learn:
 - Many times after a storm (in our own lives), God uses us to make the greatest impact in others // grace RECEIVED demands grace GIVEN
 - Just like Jonah, the Church must answer the call to go the lost and love them where they are
 - The darkness of the city of Nineveh was no match for the grace and love of God

The Sign of Jonah

Matthew 12:38-41

- Jonah is a picture of a resurrected life
- Your resurrected life as a follower of Jesus is the only way to be a difference maker in our broken world
- Jesus' desire is for us to be ONE with Him. The only way for there to be ONENESS is for there to be a death. Jesus has already died (for our sin) // He is waiting for us to die (to ourselves) so we can be ONE with Him.
(John 17: 20-21 // Ephesians 5: 25-32) Also read Romans 6:5-11 for further study.