

The God of The Second Chance

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“From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD His God. He said: ‘In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and You listened to my cry.’”

Jonah 2:1-2 (NIV)

- Darkness

“You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all Your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from Your sight....’”

Jonah 2:3-4 (NIV)

- Desperation

“The water came over me and choked me; the sea covered me completely, and seaweed wrapped around my head.”

Jonah 2:5 (GNT)

- Death

“I went down to the bottoms of the mountains that rise from off the ocean floor. I was locked out of life and imprisoned in the land of death. But, O Lord my God, You have snatched me from the yawning jaws of death!”

Jonah 2:6 (TLB)

“He answered, ‘A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’”

Matthew 12:39-40 (NIV)

THE SIGN OF JONAH IS RESURRECTION!

I. GOD GAVE JONAH A SECOND CHANCE

“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time.”

Jonah 3:1 (NIV)

II. GOD GAVE NINEVAH A SECOND CHANCE

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened.”

Jonah 3:10 (NIV)

III. GOD OFFERS YOU A SECOND CHANCE

1. Face My Failures And Look Up To God

“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 (TLB)

“Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. He said, ‘I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble, and He answered me. I called to You from the land of the dead, and LORD, You heard me!’”

Jonah 2:1-2 (NLT)

2. Surrender Control And Return To God’s Path

“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.’ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD....”

Jonah 3:1-3a (NIV)

“Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10 (NASB)

3. Release My Regrets And Rest In God's Grace

“Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. We never regret that kind of pain. But those who let distress drive them away from God are full of regrets, end up on a deathbed of regrets.”

2 Corinthians 7:10 (MSG)