



REDEMPTION CITY CHURCH

Jonah Week #3
"THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES."

Jonah 3:1-10



MAJOR MESSAGES FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

STICKY STATEMENT: YOU'RE ONE CHANCE & ONE CHOICE AWAY FROM A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LIFE.

"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink."⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."¹⁰ 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." V1-10

NEVER PUT A PERIOD WHERE GOD PUTS A COMMA.

3 reasons why your life can change. We have a God ...

1- GOD OF _____ CHANCES. C3V1-3

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"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions (mercy) never fail.²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Jesus doesn't love some future version of you.

RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT:

"The Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion"

Isaiah 30:18

What are you struggling to believe about Christ & his thoughts and feelings toward you? Jesus feels _____, towards me.

Pray this prayer and listen: Jesus, knowing that you can't wait to give me your grace. Jesus knowing that you stand over me protecting me with compassion NOT condemnation ... knowing that when I feel unlovable you will rise up over me and show me your unfailing love ... **I feel _____, Thank you Jesus, for being the God of 2nd Chances.**

2. GOD OF _____ MERCY. V3-10

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You will never ACT on something you don't really BELIEVE.

True biblical repentance fills in the gap between belief and behavior.

3. GOD OF _____ REDEMPTION. V10, TITUS 3:5

"¹⁰ 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." V10

DO THE WORD: Proverbs 28:13

"a man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful, but if he confesses and forsakes them he gets another chance."

Face your failures + Step into Grace=
a 2nd chance to begin again.