

# "IT'S TIME TO GO"

**Jonah 3:1-2** – Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you.”

1. **Everyone wants and needs a second chance, but no one is guaranteed it.**
2. **Our disobedience doesn't change God's plan.**

**Jonah 3:3-10** – This time Jonah obeyed the LORD's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes. Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: “No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence. Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us.” When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

1. **God uses people to tell His message.**
  - **Romans 10:14, 17** – But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.
  - We **fear** how others will respond.
  - We lack **compassion** for where others spend eternity.

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## 2. God's Word can change the heart of the worst sinners.

- **I Timothy 1:15-16** – This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

## 3. Prayer and fasting are essential to repentance and revival.

- "Repentance is not perfection. Repentance is the attitude that says, 'I hate the things that killed the One who died for me.'" – Todd Friel

### Coming Soon:

1. **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:** It's not too late to take part in our 21 days of prayer and fasting. Pick up a guide on Main Street today. Join us in daily Scripture reading and in encountering the presence of God.
2. **Night of Worship and Prayer:** Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> as we conclude our 21 days of prayer and fasting with a special time of prayer and worship from 6:30pm-7:30pm.
3. **Honduras 2024:** This year's mission trip is June 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in finding out more details, there will be a brief meeting after each service today in the conference room.
4. **Married Night Out:** If you are married or engaged, we would love to have you join us for a Married Night Out event on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Join us for dinner, fun, and a message from a special guest on how to have healthy relationships that last a lifetime. Sign up at the Connect Center.