

SUNDAY NOTES

TITLE: Another Chance after a Bad Choice

INTRODUCTION: When you've made a bad choice God gives you another chance!

Jonah 1:1-5 NLT

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish. But the Lord hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart. Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. But all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold.

When God ask you to do something you don't want to do, you will always find a boat going in the opposite direction.

When you're running from God the devil will always give you a ride.

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A BAD CHOICE?

HOW TO RECOVER FROM BAD CHOICES.

1. Take Responsibility for your bad choice.

Jonah 1:12 NLT

"Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."

Proverbs 28:13 NLT

People who conceal their sins will not prosper,
but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

2. Repent and Go the other direction.

Jonah 2:9 NLT

But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows.
For my salvation comes from the Lord alone."

Acts 3:19 NLT

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

3. Understand God's Grace is greater than your mistakes.

Jonah 3:1 NLT Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time: (Another Chance).

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Don't allow a bad choice to define you!

Romans 8:1 NLT

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Do't allow a bad choice to disqualify you!

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

HOW TO GUARD YOURSELF FROM BAD CHOICES.

1. God's Word will guide you.

Proverbs 1:5 NLT

Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser.
Let those with understanding receive guidance

Psalms 119:105 NLT

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.

2. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

John 16:13 NLT

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

Does my decision honor God?

How will this decision affect my spiritual life?

How does this decision affect the people I'm closest to?

3. Seek Godly counsel.

Proverbs 13:10 NLT

Pride leads to conflict;
those who take advice are wise.

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble.