

Jonah: Do the Right Thing

Introduction

Has God ever given you a second chance? How did you respond to the new opportunity? Did you graciously move forward or did you remain hesitant or resolute? In today's lesson, Jonah was given a second chance to proclaim the word of God. His obedience resulted in spiritual change and repentance for the people of Nineveh.

Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Survey** Nineveh's response to Jonah's message
- **Sense** how the people of Nineveh felt after hearing Jonah's message
- **Engage** in repentance and right behavior after hearing God's warning

Scripture

Jonah 3 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Jonah 2 (KJV)



About Today's Lesson...

We all likely know the Bible story of Jonah - how he was called by God to cry against Nineveh; how he ran from God and wound up in the "belly of hell" of a great fish for three days and three nights. And, how God's mercy saved him and returned the prophet to preacher status for the wicked gentiles of Nineveh.

Given a second chance to preach God's message of repentance to the "great city" of Nineveh, Jonah obeyed and proclaimed God's word to the people - that they would be overthrown in forty days. Then something unexpected happened. The people changed their evil ways, repented, and turned back to God. And then God repented of the evil that was planned for them - He decided not to punish them.

Running from the Lord is never a good idea. The consequences can be devastating (for you and for others) and the corrective measures for restoration can be painful. But a great reward awaits those who turn back to God in spirit and in truth.

Like the people of Nineveh, recognize and act on God's call for change - allow the "unexpected" to happen.

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