

A HEART LIKE HIS

Part 4.0 Jonah receives a Second Chance Jonah 3:1-3

The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a SECOND time vs. 1

- God is the God of ADDITIONAL chances
- Bible is full of people who FAILED but still changed the world
- God is deeply MERCIFUL and GRACIOUS

Psalm 51:17, 86:15; Micah 7:18

Jonah is forgiven, RESTORED, and re-commissioned vs. 2

- Restored to the 'PRESENCE of the Lord' (1:3) 1 John 1:8-10
- Received IDENTICAL assignment – no additional PUNITIVE consequences
- Recommissioned to the office of PROPHET - still usable to God

Jonah PROMPTLY obeyed, but did so begrudgingly vs. 3

- Jonah still needs to MATURE and grow
- God uses people who are in SPIRITUAL process
- Jonah AROSE even though he didn't FEEL like it

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Life Group Discussion Questions – February 9, 2020

Jonah 3:1-2 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

QUICK REVIEW

1. Read John 4:23. What does it mean when we "go through the motions" when worshiping God? How must we come before God in worship that glorifies Him? How do we worship in spirit and in truth?
2. What is the relationship between corporate worship in this life and worship in heaven? How can we say that worship is our purpose?

MY STORY

1. Do you ever wish you could turn back the clock on something you've said or done? Give a few examples. How did any second chances change you?
2. What would you say to a prisoner serving a life sentence about God giving him/her a second chance? Is God really giving them a second chance to make good choices and finally be good people? If they mess up again, is He done with them?
3. In what ways has God gone to great lengths for your good?
4. How does God orchestrate purpose in our failures?

GOING DEEP

1. Our beliefs and our practices do not always line up. When we know what is right and how we live out our lives are at odds, we live in tension. Are you able to discern this tension in Jonah? Discuss how we can be better stewards of God's salvation. How can this change the perspective you have of your life's difficulties?
2. Read Lamentations 3:21-23. Because God's mercies are new every morning and we can't out-sin His grace, some might say they have the freedom to continue in unrighteousness. What would you say to them? What scriptures would you reference to show them their error? What must they first do in terms of restoration with God?
3. Read Romans 1:18-32. What happens when we continue to spurn God's patience and reject His call to repentance? Three times we see that "God gave them over." What does this mean? At this point, are we no longer able to seek Jesus?
4. How can you pursue absolute obedience? How can absolute obedience change the way you think about God?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?