

A Study of Jonah – Week 5

Week 5: By God's grace He offers 2nd chances.

Day 1- Overview - Read Jonah 3:1-10

1. What stands out to you in these verses?
2. Who is involved in this part of Jonah's story?
3. What do you learn about God in these verses?
4. Why do you think God was so interested in Jonah (see Matthew 12:39-40)?

Application: What can you apply to your life today from this chapter?

Day 2 – A 2nd chance for Jonah. Read 3:1-2

1. How does God's second call to Jonah differ from His first (see Jonah 1:1)?
2. What hope do you gain from the fact that God came to Jonah a 2nd time?
3. What promise does God give Jonah that should give him confidence in his mission?
4. If you have refused a call God has made to you, it may not be over yet. Following Jonah's example, what should you do (see Jonah 2)?

Application: By God's grace Jonah was given a 2nd chance. Is there someone who needs to experience your grace by having a 2nd chance? Will you pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to do that today?

Day 3 – Jonah is obedient to the Lord for giving him a 2nd chance. Read 3:3-4

1. Compare Jonah's responses to both of the Lord's callings:
2. What is different in Jonah's response this time? What is a key word used in 3:3?
3. Jonah had a long trek to Nineveh. He had time to think things over. God is pleased to give us times for prayerful thinking and reflecting. How often do you take time to prayerfully think things over? How pleased do you think God is with how you use your "free" time?
4. Why do you suppose God didn't use a more willing prophet?

Application: How much time will you take today to prayerfully think things over?

Day 4 – Jonah's obedience results in the people of Nineveh being saved. – Read 3:5

1. At this time, Nineveh had a population of about 120,000. What are your thoughts regarding the way the people reacted to Jonah's prophecy?
2. List the steps the people went through to indicate they were serious:

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3. What are some things you do to demonstrate you're serious about God's calls, warnings, blessings, promises, and commands?

4. Do you believe people would react to a true prophet from God today who gave a warning such as Jonah's? Explain.

Application: Is there someone you need to "warn" today so that they may be saved? How will you do that?

Day 5 – Jonah's obedience results in the king of Nineveh being saved. – Read 3:6-10

1. What was the reaction of the king when he heard Jonah's prophecy?

2. What does this tell you about the power of God's word when spoken through a person He calls?

3. How far reaching was the king's reaction to Jonah's message? Could you see a President of the USA doing such a thing today? How would you react?

4. Did the people of Nineveh know God would forgive their former wicked behavior? Explain.

5. How do you see God's grace working in this chapter?

Application: What truth will you apply to your life from this chapter? What will you do with your next "2nd chance" from God? (Note: a word of caution, don't count on 2nd chances, that would be playing with God and He doesn't go for that!)