

Today's Message

"God of the Second Chance!"

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"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord..."
(Jonah 3:1-3 ESV)

Failure is not final in life; God gives everyone second chances.

"I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' ⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit." (Jonah 2:4-6)

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"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all." (Psalm 34:19 ESV)

God's promises and plans for our lives will come to pass.

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." (Jonah 3:2 NKJV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

"Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

(Turn over for continuation...)

It just takes one.

"Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth." (Jonah 3:3-5)

*"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it."
(Jonah 3:10 ESV)*

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 ESV)

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