

# SECOND'CHANCES

2-Week Teaching Series

# Second Chance lessons from the book of Jonah



- Jonah 1
- I. God gave Jonah *clear instructions*. V.1
- <sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."



#### II. Jonah Ignored God's instructions" v. 3

• <sup>3</sup> 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.





### •Jonah 1 III. The process of his <u>consequences</u> began. 1:4

 4 But the Lord sent a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart.



#### III. The process of his consequences began. 1:4

 <sup>5</sup> All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.



#### III. The process of his consequences began. 1:4

- <sup>11</sup> And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, "What should we do to you to stop this storm?"
- <sup>12</sup> "Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."



• <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.



IV. Disobedience to God will affect you physically, mentally, and emotionally. V.3;5-6

<sup>3</sup> You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves.



IV. Disobedience to God will affect you physically, mentally, and emotionally. V.3;5-6

<sup>5</sup> "I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head.



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<sup>6a</sup> I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever



### •When did Jonah finally repent?

<sup>7</sup> As my life was slipping away, I remembered the Lord. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple.



 Jonah was willing to do whatever it took to get out of the bad situation.

<sup>9</sup> But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows.



Jonah knew what to do to solve his big problem. V.1-2. "Prayer"

- 1 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish.
- <sup>2</sup> He said, "<u>I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble</u>, and he answered me. <u>I called to you from the land of the dead</u>, and Lord, you heard me!

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• <sup>10</sup> Then <u>the Lord ordered the fish</u> to spit Jonah out onto the beach.



V. Jonah gets a second chance. V.1-3

 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh.



- V. Jonah gets a second chance. V.1-3
- What God had asked from Jonah wasn't too hard. V.4
- <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."



- •Jonah 3
  - V. Jonah gets a second chance. V.1-3
- Jonah obeyed and the results were amazing. V5-10
- <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God...
- 6"By the decree of the king .....



### VI. Jonah's reaction toward God's love and mercy for others

• But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."



• But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

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## VII. God uses His sense of humor to teach Jonah an essential principle for life. V.5-11

Are you more concern of the little things in life or those with eternal value?





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