

**Jonah**  
***Practicing Obedience***  
**Jonah 3:1-10**  
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**1. God, in His mercy, may give us second chance.**

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah 3:1

♦ **Sheniy (shā·nē’): again or second time**

**2. When God calls, we must obey immediately.**

<sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah 3:2

♦ **Quwm (kǖm) yalak (yā·lak’): arrive; go; go now; go urgently; go suddenly**

<sup>3</sup> 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. \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah 3:3

**3. To move forward in obedience, sometimes we have to let go.**

<sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah 3:4

♦ **Chalal (khā·lel’) Bow (bō): start to enter; begin to enter; to untie; to loosen; break so you can go**

**4. When we obey God, we trust God with the results.**

<sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flock taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah 3:5-10

**Discussion Questions**

1. What was your A-Ha from Sunday’s message? Why did this stand out to you?
2. Name a famous person that you seriously doubt will ever become a follower of Jesus Christ. Share your reasons for thinking this.
3. Describe a time when God gave you a second chance. Why do you think God gave Jonah a second chance to go to Nineveh? How do you think Jonah felt about it the second time? Why did God give Nineveh a chance to repent? What can we learn about God through the story of Jonah?
4. Why do you think the Ninevites were so quick to repent and believe God?
5. In what situations would you consider fasting and/or giving up physical comfort, like the Ninevites, in order to seek God? Have you ever fasted and prayed for something? If so, who or what? How long did you fast and pray? Did you see any results?
6. Could God have used someone or something other than Jonah? Why does God choose to use us to accomplish His will on earth? How willing are you to be God’s messenger and take the good news to “undeserving people”? With whom is God asking you to share the good news?