



When I Get a Second Chance

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And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh and deliver the message I have given you." This time Jonah obeyed the LORD's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. Jonah 2:10-3:3 (NLT)

On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds, "Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!" Jonah 3:4 (NLT)

The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. Jonah 3:5 (NLT)

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. Jonah 3:10 (NIV)

Two second chance stories...

#1 Jonah

#2 People of Nineveh.

We were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. Ephesians 2:3-5 (NIV)

God is shaping my life.

Scripture test. God puts a scripture in front of me and ask, "Will you do what it says?"

Forgiveness test. God puts someone in my life whom I need to forgive.

Submission test. Can I submit to someone or something I don't like very much?

I need to get 'outside of myself'

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Have you ever felt like God was calling you to do something (talk with a friend, go visit someone, volunteer)? What did you do with that 'calling'?

Read Jonah 3 and share any observations that stand out to you.

If you were Jonah's friend, what advice would you have given him before he left to go to Nineveh?

Describe how you'd feel if you were Jonah walking around the city? What should he have been feeling and how does that relate to where we live?

Look at the "Shaping Tests" above. Is this concept new to you? Have you ever felt that God was moving you through one of these? Share if you are going through one of these tests now.

Pray for each other!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org