**The God of Second Chances**

**Jonah 3:1-4**

**Recap:**

* **Running from God (Jonah 1:1-3)**
* **The Storm of Disobedience (Jonah 1:4-9)**
* **Wake Up Call (Jonah 1:10-17)**
* **Lessons from the Belly of the Fish (Jonah 1:17-2:10)**
  + **Jonah’s Desperate Situation (v. 17)**
  + **Jonah’s Prayer of Repentance (vv. 1-7)**
  + **Jonah’s Renewal of Commitment (vv. 8-9)**
  + **God’s Deliverance (v. 10)**

**Introduction:**

* **Jonah 3:1-4**
* **Jonah’s Story reminds us that God is a God of second chances.**
* **Today let us take a deep dive into Jonah’s second chance.**

1. **God’s Renewed Call (v. 1)**
   1. **Jonah had previously run from God’s command, but God spoke to him a second time.**
   2. **God is patient and willing to restore those who repent.**
   3. **Application: No matter how far we stray, God is always ready to call us back.**
2. **Jonah’s Obedience (vv. 2-3)**
   1. **This time Jonah obeys immediately and goes to Ninevah.**
   2. **Ninevah was a great city, but also wicked one-yet God still cared for them.**
   3. **Obedience to God’s call leads to transformation, both in our lives and in those we reach.**
3. **The Urgent Message (v. 4)**
   1. **Jonah preached a simple but powerful message “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”**
   2. **This was a warning, but also an opportunity for repentance.**
   3. **God’s warnings are acts of grace, giving people a chance to turn back to Him.**

**Conclusion/Application:**

**Questions we need to ask of Jonah and for us?**

* **What does Jonah’s change look like?**
  + **The Lord’s Desire for Jonah and His commands to Jonah remain the same.**
  + **Jonah obeys and goes to Ninevah.**
  + **Jonah proclaims a message to the people of Nineveh.**
* **What does the context make us consider?**
  + **What is the condition of Jonah’s heart as he does this work?**
  + **Look at verses 3 and 4 closes.**
* **How does the context make us examine ourselves?**
  + **Is there a command from Jesus that I need to obey that I have refused to obey?**
  + **Is my obedience to Jesus ever Half-Hearted?**
  + **Am I willing to speak about Jesus personally and with conviction and with urgency?**
* **He calls us to obedience and gives us opportunities to share His Message.**
* **Just has Nineveh had a chance to repent, we too must respond to God’s Call.**