**The Power of Repentance and God’s Mercy**

**Jonah 3:5-10**

**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)**
* **The God of Second Chances (Jonah 3:1-4)**
  + **God’s Renewed Call (v. 1)**
  + **Jonah’s Obedience (vv. 2-3)**
  + **The Urgent Message (v. 4)**
  + **Caution:**
    - **What did Jonah’s Change look like?**
    - **What does the Context make us consider?**
    - **How does the context make us examine ourselves?**

**Introduction:**

* **Jonah 3:5-10**
* **God is willing to forgive those who truly repent.**
* **Today let us look at the Response of Jonah’s call to Nineveh to repent.**

1. **The Response of the People (v. 5)**
   1. **The People believed God and responded with fasting.**
   2. **Genuine Repentance involves both faith and action.**
   3. **Application: How do we respond when confronted with God’s Truth?**
2. **The Humility of Leadership (vv. 6-7)**
   1. **The King of Nineveh humbled himself, removing his royal robes.**
   2. **He issued a decree for national repentance.**
   3. **Application: Leadership should model humility and obedience to God.**
3. **The Depth of Repentance (vv. 8-9)**
   1. **The people turned from their evil ways and cried out to God.**
   2. **Repentance is not just words but a change in behavior.**
   3. **Application: True Repentance leads to transformation**
4. **The Mercy of God (v. 10)**
   1. **God relented from destroying Nineveh.**
   2. **His Mercy is extended to all who genuinely turn to him.**
   3. **Application: God’s grace is available to us today.**

**Conclusion/Application:**

* **They Believed God**
* **They Worshipped God**
* **They Obeyed God**
* **Questions:**
  + **How do we respond when confronted by God’s Truth?**
  + **Do you have any sin you need to repent from?**
  + **Do you believe God’s Grace is available to you today?**
* **This passage reminds us that Repentance leads to Restoration. Nineveh’s story is a powerful example of how God responds to a humble and contrite heart.**