



THE BOOK OF
JONAH

“The One Where Jonah Obeys”

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Text: Jonah 3:1-5

Part 5 of “The Book of Jonah”

What could just an inch of obedience produce? What happens when a tiny spark lights in a dry forest? Jonah gets a do-over after three days in the belly of the fish and this time he goes to Nineveh, a large field ripe for the harvest.

“True repentance means doing _____ more than saying _____.”

1. Review.

- a. 1:15-16... Where God could have allowed them to be sunk and drown, his _____ overcomes again. He saves the ship and her crew...
- b. And 1:17... where he could have let Jonah drown, his _____ again saves, overcomes and he miraculously saves Jonah.
- c. 2:7-9... “When my life was fainting away, I _____ the Lord... But I with the voice of _____ will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!

2. Remix. (3:1-2)

a. KEY: It was God's _____ that kept Jonah from getting all the way to Tarshish! And it is God's _____ that repeats the message from chapter 1.

b. Jonah 1:2 - *Remixed*

i. Same three commands from 1:2

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Director's Cut. (3:3-4)

a. Jonah's message does not contain:

i. _____ for destruction.

ii. _____ of destruction.

iii. Specific _____ to repentance.

b. Holy God cannot abide by unrepentant _____. It goes against his _____.

c. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not _____ to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is _____ toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

4. Sold Out. (3:5)

a. The Ninevites reaction:

- i. _____.
- ii. Called for a _____.
- iii. Put on _____.

b. Jonah 1:1 and 3:1, "Then the _____ of the _____ came to Jonah..."

c. True repentance means doing different, and having heard the word of the LORD, they _____ different.

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Discuss times you have been given a second chance to do the right thing. What did you get wrong the first time? How did you - not just say you're sorry but - do different the second time?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Read all of Jonah 3.

Take a moment to look back on your week. Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs=highpoints, Lows=low points, Buffalos=interesting)

When have you said you were sorry for something but failed to act accordingly?

Why do you think the people of Nineveh were so immediately, radically receptive to Jonah's message?
(Consider: Matt. 13:1-9)

How might messages of repentance instinctively produce excuses, denials and distractions (unhealthy comparisons to others' sin) rather than repentance?

How can we resist those instincts? (Consider Psalm 51:7-12)

Pray Together. Use these prayer prompts if you like:

- *I thank you, Lord, because you saved me from....*
- *Lord, forgive me for disobeying you when...*
- *Show me where you are sending me, and give me the _____ I need to obey.*