## JONAH - 3 Jonah Obeys

8-23-15

• <u>DISOBEDIENCE: JONAH 1:2</u>

Jonah 1:1-2 - The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up hefore me."

- DISCIPLINE: JONAH 1:4-17
- DISTRESS: JONAH 2:1
- DECISION TO OBEY: JONAH 2:9
- DELIVERANCE: JONAH 2:10

Jonah 3:1 - Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

1.	WE WORSHIP A GOD OF	CHANCES.
Jonah	2:9 - But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you I I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."	. <u>What I have</u>
Jonah you.''	3:2 - " <u>Go</u> to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the	message I give
•	QUWM YALAK:	!
2.	WHAT HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO DO THAT YOU NEED	TO DO

Jonah 3:3-4 - **Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh**. Now Nineveh was a very important city — a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah **started** into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

### • STARTED MEANS: UNTIE OR LOOSEN

Jonah 2:8 - "Those who cling to **worthless idols** forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

Idols: <u>Prejudice</u> and <u>Self</u>

# 3. SOMETIMES WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_ TO THINGS THAT KEEP US FROM OBEYING GOD.

Jonah 3:4 - On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

# 4. GOD'S MERCY IS A TIME OFFER.

Jonah 3:5 - The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 3:6-9 - When the news 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> Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast 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."

WHAT	DO YOU SPIRITUALLY <i>I</i>	CHE FOR?		_
5.	GOD SHOWS US HIS _		GRAC	E.

Jonah 3:10 - 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.

#### **Life Questions:**

- 1) Describe a time God gave you a second chance.
- What has God shown you that you need to do, but you have not yet done?
- 3) Would you fast <u>one day for one meal</u> and pray for our community?