

Message Series:

**God, You Want Me to Do What?**  
**A Study on the Minor Prophets**  
**Jonah, Hosea, Micah, and Haggai**  
*Stepping Up and Going Out for God*  
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Today's Message:

**God of a Second Opportunity**  
**Jonah 2:10-3:10**

Jonah 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

**Today's Main Thought:** God gives Jonah a second opportunity to go and preach to Nineveh.

*Jonah receives a second chance...*

**At last Jonah obeys God; he does the hard thing God asks him to do, vv. 1-4; compare 1:3 to 3:3**

**Ask Yourself...** *How has God given me a second chance to do what pleases Him?*

**Nineveh is compelled to seize the “turn or burn” opportunity, vv. 5-9; compare Jonah 1:2 to 3:4; Joel 2:12-14**

- After Jonah's creditable message the people of Nineveh immediately believed God.
- The Ninevites expressed genuine repentance for their out of control behavior.

***The evidence of contrition***

- Fasting, and wearing sackcloth, 2 Samuel 12:16, 19-23; 1 Kings 21:27-29; 2 Chronicles 20:3-30; Nehemiah 9:1-2
- The King's reaction and decree, vv. 6-10 compare to Jonah 1:6 & 13-16

**Ask Yourself...** *Is there any way in which I need to follow the Ninevites' example and turn back to God?*

**Ask Yourself...** *How am I doing on tackling my Nineveh? Am I seizing the opportunity to make Him look great and bring people to Himself? Or am I still finding every excuse to stay inside the fish?*

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Next Week: #4 in series  
Jonah Chapter 4