

The Word Of The Lord Came A Second Time

(Jonah 3:1)

- Introduction:
1. Where would we be if it weren't for second chances?
 2. We've all made foolish decisions and found ourselves begging for another chance.
 3. Just such a situation happened in the book of Jonah, and I would like for us to consider several familiar themes found in the book of Jonah that can also be found in our lives.

I. God Is Gracious

- A. (Jonah 2:9).
- B. This could easily be one of the key verses in all the Bible.
- C. Our salvation arises out of the goodness and love of God; not by any meritorious work that we have done.
- D. (Titus 3:4-5).

II. We Need Grace

- A. (Isaiah 53:6).
- B. (Romans 3:10,23).
- C. Our sins are many - some are committed out of ignorance, while others are committed out of weakness, and there are times when some are committed out of rebellion.

III. God's Word Does Not Change

- A. (Jonah 3:1).
 1. The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.
 2. Notice that it commanded him to do the same thing he had initially refused to do.
 3. God didn't change his mind.
- B. (Psalm 119:89).
- C. (Matthew 24:35).
- D. (John 12:48).

- Conclusion:
1. On a day when so many people are thinking about the resurrection of Jesus, some may be asking, "Why Jonah?"
 2. Because Jonah is a resurrection story intended to bring about salvation, and that story came to us a "second time" in the resurrection of Jesus and the salvation he offers us today.
 3. Will you accept God's grace and meet him on his terms?