

## *Jonah Preaching: The Call of Jonah -- Take 2*

### Jonah 3

The task God gave Jonah was daunting: go and cry against the people and city that had been afflicting Jonah's country for generations. His reluctance is understandable; his disobedience inexcusable! Jonah knew that standing behind that message of doom was a God who was eager for reconciliation, full of compassion and mercy. So he headed off in another direction. Hands clamped firmly over his ears, he refused to listen or obey. But God, who would show so much mercy to a violent and cruel people, also would not let Jonah escape the same compassion and mercy. He chased after him, turning up the volume of His commands with a storm and three days in the belly of a fish. Jonah was left alone with the two people he didn't want to face...himself and God. Finally, when Jonah had confronted both, the Lord commanded the great fish to vomit Jonah back up on the dry land and gives him a second chance at obeying. His preaching produced one of the greatest revivals in the history of the world. Such revivals are possible if we are willing to follow God's plan!

#### I. INTRODUCTION:

#### II. EXPOSITION: Jonah 3:1-10

##### A. God's call to Jonah – Take 2

- Jonah's Second Chance
- Jonah's Sacred Charge
- Jonah's Selfless Comeback

##### B. The Response to Jonah's Preaching:

- The City of Nineveh: *Very important...three days journey*
- The People's Response: *Believed...fasted...sackcloth.*
- The King and his Nobles Response: *sackcloth...proclamation*

His Actions:

His Proclamation:

##### C. God's Gracious Response: *Compassion... did not bring destruction*

#### III. CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION:

- If you're a breathing Saint at the end of discipline...God desires to give you a second chance!
- Never underestimate the power of God's Word...and the impact one person can have!
- No one is beyond the grace of God.
- Revivals are readily available - If we will:
  1. Confess all known sin;
  2. Get rid of anything doubtful in your life;
  3. Be ready to obey the Holy Spirit instantly;
  4. Confess Jesus Christ publicly.

(This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying this morning's message. Third in a series of messages by Pastor Doug Hornok on "Jonah: More than a Fish Story." This message is available online at [www.MidvalleyBible.org](http://www.MidvalleyBible.org).  
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