



# THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES EASTER 2025

**SERMON STUDY - 4.20.2025**

## Leader Corner

The God of Second Chances

Jonah 3:1-10

This week's theme is powerful and encouraging. It hits at the heart of the Gospel story for each and every one of us. There's something spectacular about a God who continuously pursues us, offers us grace and mercy, and desires us to fully experience His love and forgiveness. We get to play a part in this through determining how we respond to this gracious gift of a second (or third, or fourth, or ninety-ninth) chance.

**Main Passage:** Jonah 3:1-10

**Main Idea:** God is a God of second chances.

**Main Practice:** Spend time each day this week thanking God for His specific mercies in your life.

**Key Themes to Explore:** God's mercy toward Jonah (v. 1); Ninevah's responses to God's warning (vv 6-9); God's willingness to forgive (v. 10).

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

*Gracious Father, thank You for being the God of second chances. When we run, You still pursue. When we fall, You help us rise. Forgive us for the times we've ignored Your voice or doubted Your mercy. Create in us hearts that are quick to repent and eager to obey. Teach us to extend Your grace to others as freely as You extend it to us. May our lives be living messages of Your mercy. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## with Principle

1. Share a time when you were given a second chance—big or small. How did it impact you?
2. Read Jonah 3:1-10 in two different Bible versions. Recall and discuss what challenged you from Sunday's sermon.
3. What stands out to you most about God's interaction with Jonah?
4. How does this passage shape your view of second chances?
5. Have you ever felt disqualified from being used by God because of past failure?
6. What does Nineveh's response teach us about repentance?
7. How can we reflect God's heart of mercy in how we treat others?

## with Practice

Take some time as a group and share a time when you were given a second chance, big or small. How did it impact you?

As a group spend time praying together thanking God for the gift of second chances. Then commit as a group to daily record all things in which you experience God's presence or mercies. Come ready next week to share your experiences.

## for Further Study

Encourage the group to reflect on these throughout the week:

### 1. Personal Journal Prompt:

- When have I received a second chance from God?
- How can I offer that grace to someone else?

### 2. Scriptures to Read:

- **Psalms 51** - A prayer of repentance.
- **Luke 15:11-32** - The parable of the prodigal son.
- **Lamentations 3:22-23** - His mercies are new every morning.

### 3. Prayer Challenge:

- Spend time each day this week thanking God for His specific mercies in your life.