



"2nd Chances"

God's Pursuing Love Series

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*"The word of the Lord came to Jonah, son of Amittai and said, 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.' "* Jonah 1:1

*"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a **second time**."* Jonah 3:1

- *"**Go** to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."* Jonah 3:2
- *"Jonah **obeyed the word of the Lord**."* Jonah 3:3
- *"Jonah began by **going** a day's journey into the city..."* Jonah 3:4
- *"Forty more days and Nineveh will be **overthrown**."* Jonah 3:4
  - "Overthrown" in Hebrew can either mean "destroyed" or "**CHANGED**".
  - The mercy of God is a **LIMITED TIME OFFER**, you don't have **FOREVER**!
- *"The Ninevites believed God."* Jonah 3:5
  - A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth." Verse 5
  - Fasting is a symbol of **HUMILITY** & **REPENTANCE**, & a desire to **SEE** & **HEAR** from God!

*"When Jonah's warning 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."* Jonah 3:6

- *"This is the proclamation the king issued in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.'"*  Jonah 3:7
- *"But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone **call urgently on God**. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence."* Jonah 3:8
- *"Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."* Jonah 3:9

Either Jesus is **WHO HE SAYS HE IS**, or this is all a **BIG JOKE**!

Verse 1, God showed Jonah grace.

Verse 10, God showed Nineveh grace.

Today, God wants to show **YOU** grace!

*"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened."* Jonah 3:10