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How Failure is a Good Thing
Jonah 3

Two Truths Every Failure Should Know:

I. God Gives _____ Second Chances.

Jonah 3:1-2 *Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."*

Jonah 1:1 *The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying...*

II. God Gives _____ Second Chances.

Jonah 3:3-10 *So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk. 4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown." 5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. 6 When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the ashes. 7 He issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water. 8 "But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands. 9 Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish." 10 When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.*

Nineveh:

- Ninevites – not run of the mill sinful people.
- Capital of Assyrian Empire.
- Powerful – under Sennacherib rule from Persia to Egypt-destroyed Israel.
- Wealthy – Palace, 1650 ft. X 974 ft.; 80 rooms, 160 million bricks
- Wicked – conquered Israel 721 BC – enslaved and destroyed.
- 8th Century – 120,000 people

Responding to Failure:

A. _____ (Vs. 5)

- How do you respond when you hear the word of God?
- When confronted with God's truth do you believe or disbelieve? Justify or repent?

B. Get a _____ perspective. (Vs. 5-8)

King's Response

- Came off his throne
- Laid aside his robe
- Covered himself with sackcloth and sat on ashes

C. _____ a second chance. (Vs. 9-10)

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How do you respond when you hear the word of God?
2. When confronted with God's truth do you believe or disbelieve? Justify or repent?
3. Where in life do you need to get a different perspective on yourself? What would it look like to get off your throne, take off your royal robe, and put on sackcloth?
4. Where in life do you need a 2nd chance? Where do you need a 2nd chance with God?



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