

## **Jonah 3: Three Turnings**

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### **Jonah 3: 1-10**

#### Three Turnings

- God turns Jonah back to Himself.
- God turns the Ninevites back to His glory.
- God turns from wrath to mercy.

#### Turn One:

- From fugitive to deputy
- From the Gates of Hell to the Gates of Nineveh

#### Turn Two:

- From ISIS to believing
- From barbaric acts to fearing God

#### Turn Three:

- From God's wrath to God's compassion
- From destruction to forgiveness

#### Matthew 12:40

For as Jonah was three days and three night in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

#### Jonah as a Sign

- Three days in the fish foreshadows Jesus in the tomb
- Jonah's rebellion mirrors the resistance of Israel to God
- Jonah's mission illustrates God's love for the nations.

#### Jonah's Restoration

- restored physically
- restored spiritually
- restored Calling

#### Turning of Nineveh to God

- Nineveh sieged by God's army of one.

#### Wisdom from Jonah

- God is a patient God of second chances.
- Don't wait for perfection.
- Let God put you to work as you are.

## Wisdom from Jonah

- Don't waste your pain.
- Out of our mess comes our ministry.
- Failure, in God's hands, can make us useful.
- Out of brokenness comes the equipping.
- Small things in God's Hands can do mighty things.

## Ezekiel 36:26

"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."