

Jonah: On The Run

Chapter 3— Jonah Runs WITH God

With God, [there is a second chance.](#)

📖 *Jonah 3:1–2 (NIV84)* “Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

- Nineveh was great in its [systems](#).
- Nineveh was great in its [size](#).
- Nineveh was great in its [sin](#).

📖 *Jonah 1:2 (NIV84)* “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

With God, [there is a walk involved.](#)

📖 *Jonah 3:3 (NIV84)* “Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days.”

📖 *Micah 6:8 (NIV84)* “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

📖 *1 John 2:3–6 (NIV84)* “We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. ⁴ The man who says, “I know Him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But if anyone obeys His word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”

With God, [there will be something to say.](#)

📖 *Jonah 3:4 (NIV84)* “On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”

📖 *1 Corinthians 2:3–5 (NIV84)* “I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.”

With God, [there comes conviction of sin.](#)


📖 *Jonah 3:5 (NIV84)* “The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”

📖 *Jonah 3:6–9 (NIV84)* “When the news 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. ⁷ Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from His fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

With God, [there is compassion.](#)

📖 *Jonah 3:10 (NIV84)* “When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction He had threatened.”

📖 *2 Peter 3:9 (NIV84)* “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Digging Deeper: Have you ever had someone refuse to give you a second chance? If you had one word to describe Jesus, what would it be?  What does a “walk with God” look like these days? Give an example of someone whose walk you admire. Share when God used you to say the right thing at the right time. The whole city of Nineveh repented.—Have you ever seen a large-scale movement of God like that? Are we praying for God to bring revival to our city?