

Zoar Baptist Church — Sunday, October 5, 2025
Sermon Series: **JONAH: Living in a World with God & Sinners**
Sermon Title: *The God of Second Chances*
Main Scripture Passage: Jonah 3:1-10 NLT
Main Point: Every **chance** from God demands a **choice** from you.

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures & Points

Sometimes all we see is a **problem**,
when it's actually God's **providence**.

Hurt People, Hurt People.
Forgiven People, Forgive People.
Healed People, Heal People.

The God of Second Chances

Jonah 3:1 NLT

God's Not Done With You Yet.

Jonah 3:2-3 NLT

Make "This Time" Different

Jonah 3:4 NLT

A simple message from God carries more
power than the most profound message from
the intellect of a man.

Jonah 3:5 NLT

Jonah 3:6 NLT

Jonah 3:7-9 NLT

How do you make "this time" different?

1. Hear the Truth of **God's** Word
2. Pray Earnestly to **God**
3. Turn from your Evil Ways toward **God**
4. Trust **God** and Who He is.

Joel 2:12-13 NLT

Jonah 3:10 NLT

God is Watching, Waiting, and Willing.

Every **chance** from God demands a **choice**
from you.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter to get you talking.

- What food have you given a second chance that turned out to be better than you originally thought?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get you thinking.

- Read **Jonah 3:1**. How many times do you think the average person needs to hear the Word of the Lord before they listen, trust, and obey?
- Read **Joel 2:12-13**. How should knowing who God is make it easier for us to repent and turn to Him?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when God gave you a second chance. What choice did you make the second time?
- Share about a situation you are having trouble changing and are losing hope that the situation can change. How might God help make "this time" different?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for Your patience and mercy towards us. Help us to see the second chances You've given us. Help us to make the right choice the next time You give us another chance. Give us the courage to take the right step. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Determine how you think God can use you to give someone a second chance. Commit to getting up and taking action in the way God has revealed to you.