

Growth Assignment

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Jonah – When God Grants You Another Chance - Part 2

1 Peter 3: 15 (ESV)

...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

- 1. Each follower of Christ is called to be a witness for Him. Part of being a witness is communicating the gospel. How do you describe the gospel? Are you confident in communicating the gospel? How can you become more confident and effective in communicating the gospel?**

Hebrews 3: 15 (NLT)

Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled.

God leads Jonah to the very place that caused him to run away from God's will, Nineveh. When God grants us another opportunity, He usually brings us back to the very issues we were running away from. If we are to live in the flow of God's blessings, we have to be where He wants us to be.

- 2. What are the issues that have caused you to run away from God's will? Resentment? Anger? Disappointment? Situations? How have you resolved those issues in order to comply with God's will?**

Jonah didn't mind God granting grace and compassion towards him, or those who he deemed to be people of God. In his mind, those people were worthy of that kind of compassion and concern. But Jonah deeply resented the possibility that God might be gracious to the wicked, evil, and sinful Ninevites. In order to get Jonah to comply with His will, God drove him to Nineveh, the very heart of the people Jonah despised.

- 3. Where is God leading you in order to grant you the opportunity to be a witness to people you may not desire to minister to? How is God increasing your compassion for the lost people with whom He wants you to share the gospel?**