

### **Jonah 3:1-10 “A New Leaf”**

- Jonah experienced somewhat of a resurrection from the dead.
- Jonah was given a clear, vivid picture of the nature of the forgiveness of sin
- Why does God forgive Jonah? Why does God forgive our sins?

#### **I. Jonah is sent a second time**

- Though Jonah had failed when God first called him, Jonah was both reinstated and given the same commission to go and preach to the Ninevites.
- Vital principal that applies to all: God’s will for our lives is not negotiable; it requires consistent, thorough going faithfulness.
- Only in Christ are we enabled to be obedient, it is not our doing: Eph 2: 10

#### **II. Jonah gets a second commission**

- Straightforwardly, God laid down the difficulty of the task and then repeated the commission to Jonah to preach to the Ninevites (3:2).
- What was the difficulty of the task: Nineveh was a great city (1:2).
- Nineveh had many lost people, and Jonah’s responsibility was very great.
- Church must reap or generations will go into a lost eternity: John 4: 35, Gal 6:9.
- The Lord required complete obedience: even though Jonah more than likely didn’t know what the message was, in faith he obeyed implicitly: 3: 3-4.
- Jonah was obedient one step at a time, like Abraham: Heb 11: 8-9

#### **III. Obedience to the Word of the Lord**

- A clear sign of Jonah’s restoration was his simple obedience to God’s Word.
- Once Jonah was reconciled with God he received his word with gladness:
- These three points were evidence of Jonah’s restoration.
- Jonah was convicted of his sin and experienced forgiveness.
- He learned afresh the feel of free grace which he had never known before.
- Jonah knew what it was to pray and to be heard by his Father God.
- He sought nearness of God with all the fervor of his revived faith.
- Jonah grew in grace through affliction with which the Lord disciplined him.
- These were blessings, though unpleasant, bringing sobriety and repentance.