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10 AM WORSHIP  
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## WELCOME TO BETHEL

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

36 All Creatures of Our God and King

~ PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN PRAYER CARDS AT THIS TIME~

359 Satisfied

172 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 12:38-41

MESSAGE: "The God of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chances"

*Rob Thornsbury, Guest Minister*

### COMMUNION

*All who are trusting the blood of Jesus Christ alone to save them from their sins are welcome to partake in the Lord's Table today, whether or not you are a member of Bethel. The elements are distributed together.*

*We partake of them separately: bread, then the cup.*

MISSIONS UPDATE: THE SONS OF GOD – Ron Allen

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

344 My Hope is in the Lord

# The God of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chances

## Jonah 3

### Opening Remarks:

1. Is it fair to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance?
2. How about a second chance to a person who willingly refuses to do what he was commanded the first time?
3. How do you feel about those who receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance?

- I. The God of 2<sup>nd</sup> chances – 1
  - I. The Word of the Lord comes to Jonah the 2<sup>nd</sup> time
- II. The proclamation to proclaim – 2
  - I. Jonah doesn't know what the message is at this point.
  - II. What Jonah does know about Nineveh:
    - I. He knows God wants him to go to Nineveh.
    - II. He knows that God regards Nineveh as a great city.
    - III. He knows Nineveh is a wicked city and God has taken notice.
    - IV. He knows God wants him to proclaim some type of message.
    - V. He knows that God will give him this message somewhere along the way or when he gets to Nineveh.
- III. The obedience brings a challenge – 3
  - I. He arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.
  - II. The obedience of Jonah brings a great challenge (3). Saying yes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> time does not make the task any easier.

- III. The journey to Nineveh may have been a long tiresome process, considering his current position geographically.
  - IV. Contrast to the 1<sup>st</sup> time (1:1-3). The God of 2<sup>nd</sup> chances allow Jonah the opportunity to proclaim the proclamation.
  - V. The journey through Nineveh would create a challenge.
- IV. The simple message – 4
- I. Jonah begins to preach God's message and warn the people of impending doom.
  - II. What will be his message?
  - III. Jonah preaches God's message, a short, simple sermon, but a powerful message.

Closing comments: Thing to consider concerning Nineveh and Jonah.

- These people were ready to receive the Gospel & Jonah did not realize when he was running.
- Think of the days these people missed of knowing Jehovah because Jonah delayed and disobeyed.
- There would be great change in Nineveh & Jonah almost missed it.
- God would be glorified & Jonah would not have known it, had he not received a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance.