

**July 24/25, 2010**  
**Wrestling With God: Jonah 3**  
**Thank God for Second Chances**

**Big Fish Observations:**

**1) Like Jonah, when we've been disobedient to God but we learn our lesson through His loving discipline, God will give us a second chance to do what He has said.**

*Jonah 3:1-2 - Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Psalm 103:8-14*

**2) As with Jonah, sometimes what God tells us to do requires great risk and can feel scary, and we don't always understand why we must do it; but God has given us the faith to do anything He wants us to do.** *Jonah 3:3-4*

**3) As Jonah did, you can learn your lesson quickly, humble yourself and do what God tells you through His Word and just see what great things God does through you.** *Jonah 3:5-6*

**4) As with the people of Nineveh who believed God's message and turned from their evil ways, often people are ready and waiting to receive a message from God. God just wants you to be His messenger.** *Jonah 3:7-9*

**5) As with the people of Nineveh, God is waiting for His rebellious children to turn back to Him. He loves to welcome His wayward ones home.**

*Jonah 3:10 – "When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, He changed His mind and did not carry out the destruction He had threatened."*

**Moral of Story:** When you've been disobedient, learn your lesson quickly so that you can live a life of blessing and significance rather than rebellion and heartache.

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1.** When have you needed a second chance from your parents, your spouse, your children, or someone else you love? When have you needed a second chance from God? Are you thankful for do-overs?
- 2.** What have you learned about God's faithfulness when you obey?
- 3.** What do you like better: 1) how you feel when you're being disobedient, or 2) how you feel when you're doing things God's way? Why?