

Last Time: Jonah 2: Are you living in light of eternity?

This week: He's a God of second chances.

Jonah 3:1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

Don't just hear from God once in your life: 1st Time = Call for Salvation.

If it stopped there would be no calling, no sanctification, no filling of the Spirit, no discipleship and purpose, no vision.

Peter failed in denying Jesus 3 Times but needed to have a 2nd chance.

Mark 16:7 But go, tell his disciples <u>and Peter</u>, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Acts 2 ~ Peter preaches at Pentecost. (What if he never got a 2nd chance?)

How to make sure that you get your second chance? (Listen to God, hear his voice.)

Jesus needed to be in constant communion with the Father. Mark 1:35-38

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35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." Is it a monologue or a dialogue? How do I hear from God more than once? (Get my second chance?)

1. His Word ~ 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness 2. The church (other Christians, pastors, teachers, children, brothers and sisters)

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

3. Life circumstances ~ Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.

4. Dreams and visions ~ Acts 2:17

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

5. Audibly (Prophesy, Tongues, Heaven) ~ Acts 9:4

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

6. Signs and Wonders ~ Hebrews 2:4

God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Are you like Jonah? Needing the Word to come a second time? Do you need a 2nd chance? Are you hearing from Him regularly? Are you in a monologue or a dialogue? When was the last time you heard from him? Are you seeking him? Promise to Jeremiah 33:1-3 While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the Lord came to him a second time: "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name:

> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

