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Jonah 3
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Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Jonah 3:1 tells us that "God spoke to Jonah **a second time**." Same assignment! He completely blew it the first time and created some real problems for the Tarshish sailors, and for himself.

Second Chances
Eugene Peterson says, "...we find Jonah as a companion in our ineptness."

- Have you ever deliberately disobeyed God—failing to do something you knew He had called you to do? (Answer: Yes!) Why?
  - Outside your comfort zone—inconvenient?
  - Not the right time?
  - Having to go somewhere you didn't want to go?
  - Having to minister to people you didn't even like?
  - Knew it was going to result in blessing for someone you didn't believe deserved blessing and/or forgiveness? (Race? Culture? Personal history—family neighbors, colleagues?)

- Do you suffer from prejudice or hardness toward certain people?

- Does God's graciousness toward some persons or people group discomfort you?

- Was Jonah sent to save a kingdom, or precious people trapped within a wicked kingdom? How does that relate to us today—our world—our time?

- God's heart toward the people of Nineveh was the same as it is for all people (fill in the missing letters): com_____ate and red_____tive.

- Reflect on and discuss 2 Peter 3:8,9.

Perhaps this is the time for you to revisit God's call and command—time to hear it a **second time** (or third, fourth...20th) - and then move out in obedience. Don't exhibit Jonah's stinky attitude! (However, it would appear that God can even work through a Stinker! Know one?!)