

## A TALE OF THREE TURNS

*Jonah 3:1-10 // August 9, 2026 AM*

*Everyone wants to be delivered from disaster, but God's true people seek deliverance from their disobedience that warrants disaster.*

I. The *prophet* turns in *compliance* (vv. 1-4).

II. The *city* turns in *contrition* (vv. 5-9).

III. The *Lord* turns in *compassion* (v. 10).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why is it a bad thing for us to lose "a consciousness of sin"? In what sense had Jonah and Israel lost this?
2. How did Jonah respond when God called him a second time to go to Nineveh to preach?
3. Did Jonah truly repent? What in the text leads you to answer that way?
4. What was Jonah's message to Nineveh, and how did they respond? What is ironic about this?
5. Did God literally change His mind and alter His plan in response to Nineveh's repentance? How do we understand the language about God in v. 10?
6. Read Matthew 12:41. How did Nineveh serve as an indictment upon self-righteous Israel? How do they serve as a warning to us of the danger of self-righteousness?
7. What is true repentance, and why is it a mercy from God?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How conscious am I of my own sinfulness? Why does a growing spiritual maturity lead to a growing consciousness of sin?
2. Why is fasting often accompanied with repentance in the Bible? Do I ever express sorrow over sin through fasting? Why, or why not?
3. How would I describe repentance to an unbelieving friend to help them to see it is a mercy?