

# THE BOOK OF JONAH

## Part 3: “Religious and Lost”

### Introduction

God gave Jonah a second chance to obey him, but we learn Jonah obeyed begrudgingly, with a self-righteous heart. When we contrast the heart of God with the heart of Jonah, we’re challenged to consider how far our compassion extends compared to God’s.

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you think is one of the greatest comeback or second-chance stories of all time from either film or history? What was the hero/heroine up against? How did they overcome the odds?
2. Where in your life have you experienced God giving you a second chance? How did that shape your view of him?
3. Jonah obeyed God the second time God called him, but his heart didn’t follow. What makes it hard for us to say an unreserved “yes” to God, and what helps us obey?
4. Who or what feels like “Nineveh” to you—a person, group, or situation that feels too far gone? How might God be calling you to extend or stretch your compassion toward them?
5. The Ninevites didn’t just feel sorry for their sins; they changed their actions. How do we know when our repentance is genuine, and what does that look like in our daily life?
6. Samer explained that it was Jonah’s self-righteousness that kept him at odds with God. What do you think this cost Jonah—in his relationship with God, his relationship with the Ninevites, and the plans God had for his life?