

Our God Of Second Chances

“Jonah Gets A Check Up From The Neck Up”

Jonah 3:1-10

Many Events in the Bible ARE Hard to Believe.

Jonah wound up in a Fish because of Disobedience to God...while Jesus was in the Tomb because of HIS Obedience to God.

If we're Honest, there's a Little of Jonah (maybe a lot) in all of US.

Jonah's story gives us Three Essentials we need to Develop a Positive Spirit.

1. DEVELOP A POSITIVE SPIRIT TOWARD GOD: BE OBEIENT. (vv.1-2)

- The Greatest Thing you can do in your life is FOLLOW God's instructions.
- If you LET IT, your sinful nature can Control your THINKING. (Romans 8:6-7)
- GOD must Control your Thinking in order to Develop a Positive Spirit. (Gal. 5:16-25)
- To RID Self of a Negative spirit you must be LED by God's Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit of God must be IN CHARGE of EVERY Aspect of your life.

2. DEVELOP A POSITIVE SPIRIT TOWARD OTHERS: BE HUMBLE (vv.3-5)

- We've ALL been Guilty of wrong Thinking & wrong Talking toward others.
- MARRIAGES often FAIL because of PRIDE.
- CHURCH FAMILIES often FAIL because of PRIDE.
- God DIDN'T Bring Us into One Another's lives to CRITICIZE each other.
- He brings us together to HELP each other in a spirit of HUMILITY.

3. DEVELOP A POSITIVE SPIRIT TOWARD YOUR SELF: BE HONEST (vv.6-10)

- The King of Nineveh actually had a MORE Positive spirit than God's prophet Jonah!
- The King Owned Up to HIS Sin & to the Sins of the PEOPLE in his kingdom.
- The King of Nineveh DID what WE NEED to do to develop a Positive spirit...he was HONEST about his SIN. (1 John 1:8-10)
- God wants to give US a Second Chance to Avoid the Negativity that may be Hindering God's Work in OUR LIVES....
- God Wants to Bless YOU & He Wants to Make YOU a Blessing.

