

Your \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't Change God's \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5-9)

A. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ which has power

B. Therefore, God can use any \_\_\_\_\_ as long as the messenger is true to the \_\_\_\_\_

**“The will of God will never lead you, where the grace of God can't keep you and the power of God can't use you.”**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't Change God's \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10)

(For a full discussion on what it means for God to have “repented” please see my “Pastor's Blog”)

# Drowning in God's Powerful Grace

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# Failure Isn't Final

## *Jonah 3*

(This is the 3rd in a series of messages on Jonah: Drowning in God's Powerful Grace)

Winston Churchill was being interviewed by a reporter and Churchill mentioned that he had been twice through the tenth grade.

“You failed the tenth grade?” asked the incredulous reporter.

“No,” replied Churchill, **“I had a second opportunity to do well.”**

Jonah 3 is one of the most encouraging in all of Scripture. When chapter 2 ends, he is “fish barf on the beach”. One cannot get much lower than that! 3:1 says – “Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah **a second time.**” A second chance came from God even though Jonah didn't deserve it. This is God's powerful grace at work. Even if we blow it the first time, God gives us a chance to try again. God's powerful grace is greater than our sin and failure and there are simply some things our sin and failure cannot change. It isn't based on what you deserve to receive; it's based on what God is willing to give. It is interesting that God doesn't hold grudges against Jonah, but Jonah begrudges everything and everyone including God. A worldly boss would simply replace Jonah. Why doesn't God?

**Idea: Failure is never final. By His powerful grace God finds a future use for everything He has made.**

**Your \_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't Change God's \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-4)**

A. It is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to give second \_\_\_\_\_ (v 1)

B. To rise above failure learn the lessons of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 2-4)

1. Obedience trumps \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 2-3)

2. Submission \_\_\_\_\_ us (v 4)

... Who am I to serve?

... Where am I to be?

... What burden am I to bear?

... How am I to engage?