



- You running away from God = _____.
God chasing you = _____.

1. God gives second chances to runaways.

"And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land." Jonah 2:10

*"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days." Jonah 3:1-3*

- God doesn't need you, but you need God's _____.

2. God gives second chances to _____ far from God.

⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least,

put on sackcloth. ⁶When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." Jonah 3:4-9

- God wants us to cultivate a love for our _____.

3. God wants to use _____ to share second chances.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. Jonah 3:10

- We share how Life Change happens through Jesus by our _____ and our _____.

Next Steps: *Connecting People to the Life-Changing Love of Christ*

- ☐ Ask God for a second chance to obey His Word and to His Will.
- ☐ Participate next week for Commitment Sunday.
- ☐ Continue with the 4 week daily Jonah devotional.
(Available at myoakview.org or at the Welcome Center.)
- ☐ Pray for Pastor John Gerlach and the staff and members of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.
- ☐ _____