

The Prodigal City: Nineveh's Redemption and Its Connection

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3 | ESV

Opening Question: Have you ever felt the urge to start over?

The King of Nineveh

- Removed his robe: 1 Samuel 18:4, 2 Samuel 12:20,
- Covered himself with sackcloth: Genesis 37:34, 2 Samuel 3:31, 1 Kings 21:27
- Sat in Ashes: Esther 4:1-3, Job 2:8

The People and Animals

- Fasted and Wore Sackcloth: Nehemiah 9:1, Psalm 69:10-11, Daniel 9:3, Joel 2:12-13

The King and the Captain: Jonah 1:6 and Jonah 4:9

- They used their power to command their people to **call out to God**.

All who call upon (call out to) the Lord shall be saved:

- (Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13, Psalm 50:15, Psalm 145:18 and 1 John 1:9.)

7 Prodigal Stories: Rebellion, Retribution, Repentance, Reconciliation and Restoration.

1. Jonah the Prophet: Jonah 1-3
2. The City of Nineveh: Jonah 3
3. The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32
4. The Israelites in the wilderness: Exodus 32 & 34, Numbers 14, Joshua 1:2
5. King David: 2 Samuel 11-12
6. King Manasseh: 2 Chronicles 33:1-20
7. Peter's Denial and Restoration: Luke 22:54-62; John 21:15-19, Acts 1-2

Our Story in Christ:

1. **Rebellion:** We acknowledge that we are sinners in need of a savior: Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:2
2. **Retribution:** The Bible tells us that there are consequences for our rebellion: Romans 6:23
3. **Repentance:** The Bible instructs us to repent and sin no more: Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:9
4. **Reconciliation:** The Bible assures us that we can be made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
5. **Restoration:** The Bible promises us that we can be restored in our relationship with God: 1 Peter 5:10, Romans 8:1-2

Closing Question:

How can I start (or start over) with Christ at the center of my life?