Series: The Missionary Prophet

<u>Title</u>: Obeying God's Will

Text: Jonah 3

Thesis: The Purpose of Discipline

Recap: Chapter 1: Running from God's Will

The Commission of Jonah: Vs 1-2

The Progress of Jonah: Vs 3

The Pursuit of Jonah: Vs 4-16

Jonah lost God's Voice (Is 59:1-2)

Jonah lost the Power of the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30)

Jonah lost his desire to Pray: Vs 5 Jonah Lost his Testimony: Vs 10 Jonah Lost his Reason: Vs 12

(Chap 1:17) This Literally Happened! (Matt 12:39-41)

(Heb 12:5-12) God disciplines His children for their good.

Recap: Chapter 2: Submission to God's Will

A. *The Helplessness of Jonah*: (Vs 1-3)

B. *The Repentance of Jonah*: (Vs 4-6)

Restoration is God's Purpose for Discipline (2 Chron 6:36-29)

C. <u>The Revival of Jonah</u>: (Vs 7)

1. Jonah: brought to the end of himself.

2. Jonah: brought to the edge of death: (Ps 88:2-3)

D. The Repentance of Jonah: (Vs 8-9)

E. The Deliverance of Jonah: (Vs 10)

III. Fulfilling God's Will: Chapter 3

A. Commission Renewed: (Vs 1-2)

1. God of the 2nd Chance: (Vs 1)

2. God's Message: Repentance: (Vs 2)

3. God's Method: Preaching: (1 Cor 1:17-25)

B. The Prophet Obeys: (Vs 3-4)

- 1. A Great City: (Vs 3)
 - a. 60 mile circumference
 - b. Worshipped the Fish goddess "Nanshe",
 - c. Daughter of "Ea" goddess of Fresh water,
 - d. & Dagon, 1/2 fish, 1/2 man False god.
 - e. A City Wide Campaign: (vs 4a)
- 2. A Gory Sight: (vs 4a)
 - a. His Physical Appearance validated his message.
 - i. Skin bleached white.
 - ii. His hair & clothes digested.
- 3. <u>Simple Message</u>: (vs 4)
 - a. 8 Word Sermon:

C. The City Repents: (Vs 5-9)

- 1. King Assuredan III. (772-755)
- 2. King led the city "In" & "to" Revival.
- 3. Mom/Dad It has to happen to us first. (Deut 6:6-9)
 - a. Mom/Dad: Can't Teach What You Don't Know.
 - b. Mom/Dad: Can't Model What You Don't DO:
- 4. The King Led the City in this Revival. (Vs 7-9)

D. The Lord Repents: (Vs 10)

- 1. The Lord is Gracious: (1 Jn 1:9)(Is 1:18)(1 Tim 2:4) (2 Pet 3:9)
- 2. The Lord knew they were to invade Israel.
- 3. This put off the Invasion of Israel for 75yrs.

What will you do with God Will? God's Work? God's Word? What will you do with God's 2nd chance?