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Steering Servants back to Stewardship

The background of the entire image is a vibrant, textured blue with thick, expressive brushstrokes. In the center-left, there is a large, dark, irregular shape that resembles a fish or a container. Inside this shape, there is a depiction of a human figure, possibly a man, with a reddish-brown body and a white head, appearing to be inside the fish. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with a focus on color and texture.

Biblical Idea: Jonah 3:1–10

God steered his conflicted prophet
to a conflicted people to encounter
his compassionate presence.



God gave Jonah another chance (3:1–3).



Jonah obediently journeyed into the heart of Nineveh (3:4).



The people of Nineveh obediently believed in the Lord's word (3:5–9).



Who was the “King of Nineveh”?

First, we must recognize this was a very odd way to refer to this person.

Typically, we would expect to read “King of Assyria,” not “King of” a city in Assyria.

Who was the “King of Nineveh”?

Shalmaneser III (859–824 BC)

Shamshi-Adad IV (824–811 BC)

- His brother, Assur-danin-pal (824–823 BC), briefly ruled Nineveh and 26 other cities.

Adad—nirari III (811–783 BC)

- During his reign, there’s evidence of a monotheistic revolution (787 BC, Nabu Temple inscription).

To some degree, political and civil unrest between the crown princes, high dignitaries, and military officials continued until the bloody coup and reign of Tiglath-Pileser III (745–727 BC).





God relented from his threat to bring calamity (3:10).



Timeless
Truth:

Repentance is always
a right response.

God



Jonah



Bad News:

Threat of Calamity



Yes!

Relenting



Repent?



No!

Calamity



Is Coronavirus a Calamity from God?

Did God send a prophet to warn the world about coronavirus?

If no, then can we know if this is a divine threat of calamity OR a general experience within a groaning creation?

Is this a time for global, national, local, and personal repentance?

God



Jesus



Good News:

Offer of Salvation



Yes! Life



Repent?



No! Death





Repentance is always a right response for the person seeking a right relationship and a right fellowship with God.



Today's
Message:

Make the turn.

Making the Turn

1. What's the word from God for today?



Making the Turn

Believe in Jesus Christ. Receive him today.

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

(John 6:28–29 ESV)

Making the Turn

2. What does faith-filled obedience to that word look like today?



Making the Turn

Death: Put off sin.

Resurrection: Put on Christ.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

(Colossians 2:6–7 ESV)

Making the Turn

3. What can we expect from God when we respond to his word?



Making the Turn

God is compassionate.

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him (Isaiah 30:18 ESV).

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance (2 Peter 3:9 ESV).

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