

West Valley Church of Christ – March 3, 2024

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Remember the story of Jonah? God told him to go preach in Nineveh. Jonah refused and ran in the other direction. He got thrown out of a boat and swallowed by a big fish who later spit him out on the beach. What did God say next? “That’s it for you, Jonah. You can just stay on the beach and feel guilty from now on.” Not even close. Instead, the Bible says... Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time (Jonah 3:1). God didn’t take Jonah out of service. He set him back to Nineveh, saying, in effect, “Now go back to doing what I called you to do.” If you’ve lost some major battles in life, you may be tempted to think that God is finished with you. It’s not true! That is the devil’s lie. The problem is not that God gives up on people, but rather people give up on God and they give up on themselves. Many believers, after getting knocked down by sin, decide to never get up. “What’s the use? Why bother? There is no use, God won’t forgive me now.” That is also the devil’s lie. God will forgive if we will repent. God calls us to confront our sin and deal with it His way. We can get back on our feet and press on toward our heavenly goal (Philippians 3:12-14). We must forget what is behind (Philippians 3:13) and move forward with God. Life is best when we trust and obey God no matter what life is throwing at us. We may not understand why things are happening the way they are, but we can always trust God’s heart.



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