**Second Chances – Jonah: Sometimes we want to run away 02/02/25**

**Introduction:**

In the story of Jonah, we learn about God's call, human disobedience, and divine grace. This handout will help you reflect on these themes and apply them to your life.

**1. Hearing God's Voice**

* Jonah 1:1-2: "The word of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Go to the great city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.'"
* Reflection: God is a God who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Are you listening for His voice in your life?
* Personal Application: Write down one way you can be more attentive to God's voice this week: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Running from God**

* Jonah 1:3: "But Jonah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away from the Lord and headed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_."
* Reflection: Consider areas in your life where you might be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God's will.
* Personal Application: Identify one area where you need to stop running and start obeying: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. The Consequences of Disobedience**

* Jonah 1:4: "Then the Lord sent a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up."
* Reflection: Disobedience often leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. Are there any storms you are facing due to running from God?
* Personal Application: How can you use these storms as opportunities to return to God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Rationalizing Sin**

* Jonah 1:12: "'Pick me up and throw me into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and it will become calm. I know that it is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that this great storm has come upon you.'"
* Reflection: We often make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. Identify any areas where you might be rationalizing sin.
* Personal Application: What steps can you take to confront and overcome these rationalizations? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

Reflect on the story of Jonah and how it applies to your life. God is a God of second chances, and He is calling you to turn back to Him. How will you respond?