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*Don't just hear the Word—live it! Read the focus passage, then dig into the guide independently or with a small group.*

**SERIES:** In Deep

**MESSAGE TITLE:** The Second-teenth Chance

**MESSAGE OVERVIEW:** New day. New opportunity. Second-teenth chance (because you never just get two). Running from God causes damage, but there is always another fresh start. God's great love provides grace no matter how many times we've told Him no. There's nothing more important than what God wants to do next.

**FOCUS PASSAGE:** Jonah 3:1-2, Luke 15

**BREAKING IT DOWN:**

1. Jonah is back where he started. God gives him another chance; He isn't done with Jonah. He doesn't shame or punish him, though he does give more specific instructions. God is compassionate and merciful; He doesn't operate in guilt, He doesn't abandon in frustration. Do you anticipate grace or shame from God? Does that impact how far you run?
2. We all miss the mark (Romans 3:23 & 24). By going against God's will, we miss out on His amazing plan for our lives; it can make a terrible mess of things. But we are also justified through Jesus. When our hearts are willing, we can move from sin to grace and righteousness. God wants us to experience hope, healing, blessing, and all the goodness He has for us.
3. There are many examples of God's love and grace for those who are undeserving by worldly standards. The perfect parallel of second chances is the prodigal son in Luke 15. In this story, the younger son dishonors his father by requesting his inheritance, and he quickly squanders it all. He lives in squalor and shame until devising the plan to grovel at his father's feet, just to work as a servant. When he returns home, his father doesn't have a harsh word or punishment for him. He celebrates his son with a grand party. That's exactly what we can expect when we return home to God. What will you do with your second chance?

**WAYS TO LIVE THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK:**

Use the anatomy of the prodigal son's story in Luke 15:

- Come to your senses (v.17) - pause and take stock. Are you walking in obedience, or running?
- The humble turn (vv.18, 21) - be willing to repent.
- The running father (v.20) - No one else's opinion matters; He's patiently waiting for you to return.
- Warm embrace - Just turn, and He will meet you there because He loves you.
- Family robe & jewels - You aren't a second-class citizen. You aren't "less than." God forgives and He restores.

