

THIS 'DEVO' was written from his cell in FoxLake Wisconsin USA, a few days ago.

Marshall has served 22 years of a double homicide life sentence. We met by email on July 31, 2020, as I was preparing to launch the website. Marshall wrote his first Devo which I edited and posted on Facebook on Nov 1, 2020. He, along with his wife (Married Nov 1, 2022 - they met in 2019, Jessica was hired to manage programs at the New Lisbon Correctional Centre - and it was Jessica who introduced me to him). I dearly love this couple which has produced over 1,300 Devos (as Marshall and I call them.)

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Tomorrow's Devo:

May 25, 2026 - Jonah 3:10, God's heart towards repentance.

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not."

Jonah 3:10
Hi Everyone!

I tell people that God can save anyone if He saved me.

That is the profound truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that the call is available to all who place their faith in Jesus for salvation, so repentance is possible for anyone.

9. God's heart towards repentance

There are people in the Church who believe that some people are beyond saving, some even believe in the death penalty, and their belief threatens to nullify the free gift with qualifications of who should be eligible for the promises of God.

Many people counted me out especially after receiving life imprisonment without parole, many family members are in that number.

God had changed my heart and life so much that I am unrecognizable to them, and they cannot believe what I have been able to accomplish, even with the evidence in their faces.

God can change anyone!

Today, we will look at Jonah 3:10, God's heart towards repentance.

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not."

God commanded Jonah to go into the heart of the Assyrian Empire, to Nineveh, to prophesy against it.

On the surface, it appears to be a death sentence, to go into an enemy nation to tell them that they are living wrong and that a God they don't believe in is going to destroy them if they don't change.

Jonah disobeys first, but after nearly being shipwrecked, and been swallowed by a great fish, he repented. God gives him the same command, to prophesy against Nineveh, and to his surprise, Nineveh humbles themselves and they repent!

In Jonah 3:9, the Bible says, ***"Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?"***

9. God's heart towards repentance

Nineveh went into a posture of worship and repentance, with the little they knew of God, hoping that they would receive God's mercy.

In Lamentations 3:22, the Bible says, ***"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed; because His compassions fail not."***

In Matthew 3:7-8, the Bible says, ***"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Saduccess come to his baptism, he said to them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance."***

How can we bring fruits meet for repentance, when we don't know any better?

In Psalm 51:17, the Bible says, ***"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."***

A contrite heart is what God sees to know that our repentance is genuine, and this is what He saw in the Ninevites.

The word ***"works"*** means "actions, activity, or labour".

God saw the labour Nineveh took to prostrate themselves before a Holy God. This wasn't in profession only, but this was in deed as well.

The word ***"turned"*** is the same word as "repented", which means that we were going in one direction, but we did an "about-face", and began moving in the opposite direction.

The phrase ***"evil way"*** means "a wicked and morally bad course of life".

In Acts 2:38-39, the Bible says, ***"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of"***

the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call."

It doesn't matter how far someone appears to be from salvation. Jonah didn't think the Ninevites deserved a chance at salvation, and they immediately repented of their evil, something we probably didn't do ourselves! When they repented, God changed His mind against the judgment pronounced against Nineveh.

In John 3:16, Jesus says, ***"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."***

We were under the same death sentence that Nineveh was under, but God saved us. What won't He do for others?

God Bless!
Marshall & Jessica