

# CHURCH OF CHRIST GULF SHORES

Sunday Morning Sermon

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## “reUSE: The Story of Jonah”



Starting Over



Introduction: Would you love to start over? What if you could push a “reset” button? What would you change? Both science and Scripture provide evidence that our minds have a “reset” button (**Romans 12:1-2**). For the next several weeks we will consider true stories that should inspire us to rewire our minds and take advantage of a second chance. I want to remind you of some things we know about Jonah. We will begin our study in **Jonah 1**. Let’s study together...

### Discussion:

#### **I. What Do We Know?**

A. *The First Lesson = Don’t Run From God*

- **Jonah 1:1-16, Acts 17:22-23, I Thessalonians 1:9, Joshua 24:2-27**

B. *The Second Lesson = Don’t Give Up Hope*

- **Jonah 1:17-3:10, Matthew 12:40, Genesis 42:38, Psalm 18:5, 30:3, 88:3**

C. *The Third Lesson = Don’t Underestimate Grace*

- **Jonah 4:1-11, Matthew 6:33, 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Romans 8:7-8**

#### **II. What Can We Learn?**

A. *Remember the Consequences of the Sin*

- **II Kings 17-18, I Chronicles 5:26, Isaiah 19:23-25, 36:11-12, Hosea 11:5**

B. *Remember the Solution*

- **Jonah 3:7-9, Romans 6:1-2, Luke 13:3, 5, Acts 17:30, II Chronicles 7:14**

C. *Remember the Second Chance*

- **Jonah 1:10-11, 3:5-10, Psalm 51:12-13, Luke 7:9, II Peter 3:9-10**

Conclusion: We will see throughout this series that transformation takes more than just good intentions and a sincere heart if we plan on starting over. We need to make serious changes (i.e. repentance, confession, obedience) in order to experience a full reset! What have you learned from Jonah? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed those sins? Are you living in obedience? How's your faith? How's your Christian walk? Do you need to press the reset button? You're just a few steps away from starting over. Come to Jesus!