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Surprising Mercy

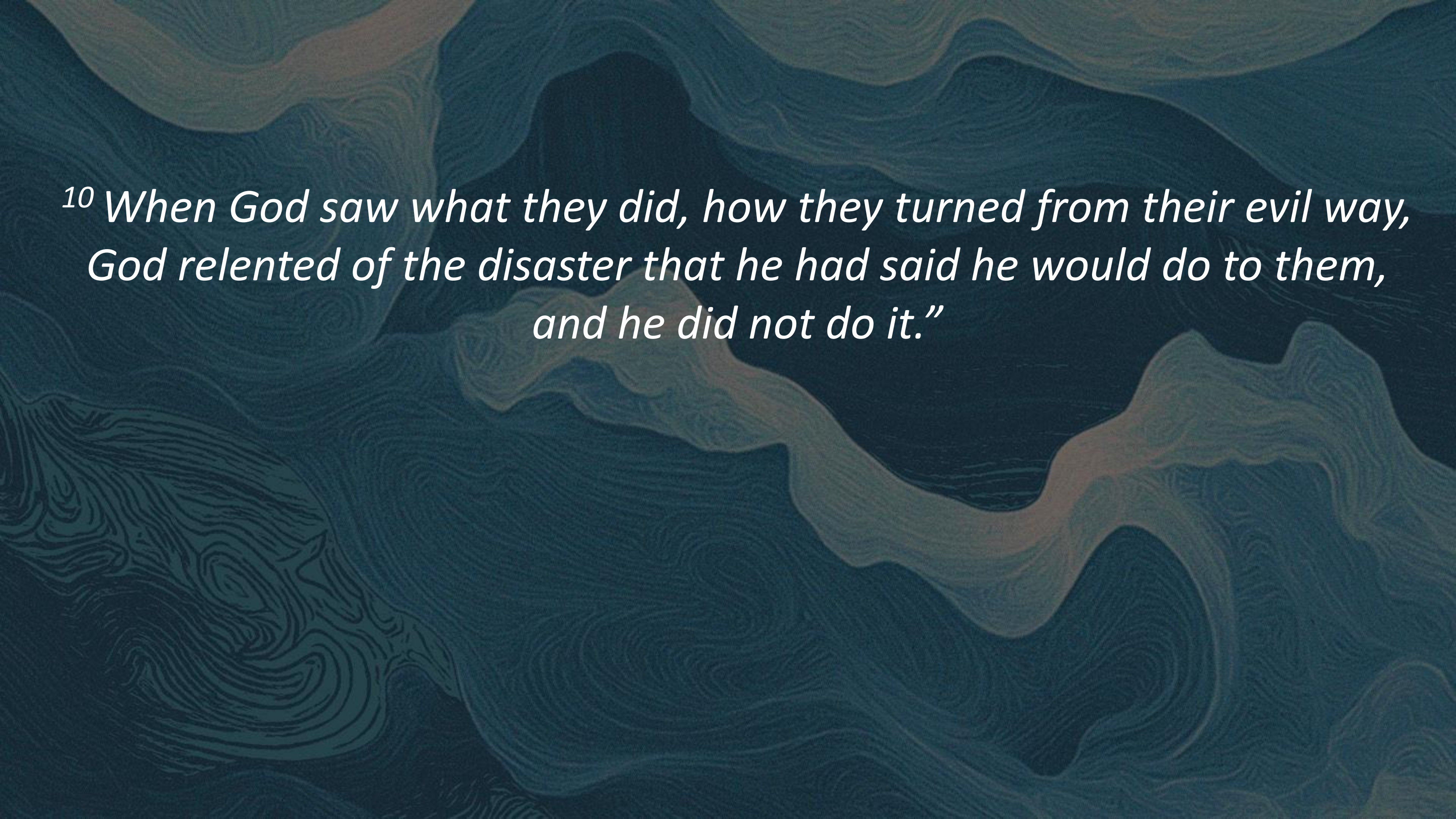
Second Chances

Jonah 3:1-10

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2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the
message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh,
according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly
great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into
the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days,
and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh
believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the
greatest of them to the least of them.*

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Shuv – To turn back. To return.



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“Offer up your son on the mount.” “*Why!?*” “I’ll tell you later. Just climb.”

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¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

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I ran from God, by His mercy He pursued me! This same God is pursuing you. Stop running from Him and *repent*!

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2. The Ninevites Second Chance

Sincere repentance starts with spiritual desperation.

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2. The Ninevites Second Chance

“The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, ⁸if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. ⁹And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, ¹⁰if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.” Jeremiah 18:7-10

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3. Our Second Chance

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*“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but **everyone to come to repentance.**”* 2 Peter 3:9

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3. Our Second Chance

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...”

Hebrews 9:27

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“For just as Jonah was in the belly of a great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

Matthew 12:40-41

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3. Our Second Chance

Jesus is the sole source of our second chance.

Still surrounded but no
longer ruled by sin.

Romans 6



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