



“Recovery and Renewal”

Jonah 3:1-4 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –Jonah’s spiritual recovery and renewal of his relationship with God involved three things in his life that needed to be turned around.

I. Our Heart for God’s Word.

- A. Jonah’s problem began with his response to God’s Word.

- B. We are cautioned not to harden our heart when we hear God’s Word.

- C. There are two important ways we “hear” God’s Word.
 - 1. As the “Logos.”

 - 2. As a “Rhema.”

- D. How we respond to God’s Word is a reflection of our heart.

- E. When it comes to responding to God’s Word, there are three characteristics of a “good heart.”
 - 1. Humility

 - 2. Trust

 - 3. Obedience

II. Our Life on Mission.

- A. Jonah lost sight of God’s purpose and mission for his life.

- B. God restores Jonah by telling him to do two things.
 - 1. “Go!”

 - 2. “Proclaim my message!”

- C. Wherever we lose sight of our mission, that’s where we must go to regain it.

II. Our LORD First in Everything.

- A. Our renewal and recovery to the LORD involves a recommitment to the LORD.

- B. Jonah’s mistake was confusing his love and loyalty to God with his inability to love the enemies God was sending him to.

Conclusion.