

## Bible Character series of readings – week 47

18<sup>th</sup> September 16

**Monday: Jonah 1:17 - 2:10.** As Jonah is swallowed by the great fish, he comes to his senses and 2:7-9 reveal the extent of his repentance and recommitment. We will never be of use to God without a similar attitude after we are disobedient or make mistakes.

**Tuesday: Jonah 2:10 - 3:10.** "Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time." (v1) Thank God that he gives us second chances to serve when we fail him the first time! Praise him for his grace that is greater than our weakness and our sin!

**Wednesday: Jonah 3:3-6 & Luke 11:29-32.** Jonah was a sign to Nineveh, and Jesus' death and resurrection are a sign to our generation. Nineveh repented, and our generation must realise that Jesus is greater than Jonah, and our response should be also. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to present Jesus clearly to people you meet.

**Thursday: Jonah 4:1-4.** In verse 2 Jonah shows great understanding of God's nature and character. However, he didn't want God to be gracious but to exercise judgement on Nineveh! He was happy to experience grace, but didn't want God to show grace to people he disliked! Are you ever like that?

**Friday: Jonah 4:5-11.** Jonah had a greater concern for his own comfort than for those who were lost. Presumably he learned his mistake and wrote this book as his act of humility and a testimony to his failure. Do you need to surrender your life fully to Jesus and bring your thoughts and feelings into line with his?