Sermon for 2nd Sunday in February 2023

Changing Directing

(Part 7)

**Genesis 6:8 (NLT)**

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

**Jonah 3:1-3 (NLT)**

1 Once again the Lord told Jonah

2 to go to that great city of Nineveh and preach his message of doom.

3 Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh. The city was so big that it took three days just to walk through it.

* God’s favor was upon Coretta Scott King
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYoUuqXNrY8&t=119s>
* Noah found favor in the eyes of God.
* God’s favor is His Grace
* Grace is God giving us God’s absolute best; when we really deserve God’s absolute worst.
* Four dynamic Truths about God’s Grace
* 1) It is Freely Given—Ephesians 2:8-9
* 2) It Enables Believers to live with Integrity—2 Corinthians 1:12
* 3) It’s Ineffective with the Wrong Attitude—James 4:6
* 4) It Empowers Believers for Service in the Kingdom—1 Corinthians 15:10a

1 Corinthians 15:10a (NLT)

**“**But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me”

2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NLT)

“Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that

God gives you in Christ Jesus.”

* There are 3 ways to keep God’s empowering grace in our lives:

**Jonah 3:3 (NLT)**

Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh.

The city was so big that it took three days

just to walk through it.

* Jonah Obeyed God—Joshua 1:7 (NLT)

  “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.”

* Jonah Didn’t Procrastinate—Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)

“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.”

* Jonah Depended upon God’s Strength—Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”