## *Sermon Title:* "I'm Here" Preaching - Running with God Date: May 5, 2024 - Jonah 3

Central Idea: If God's workers are what they ought to be, the work will be what it ought to be. Are you committed to God's work?

Introduction: How gracious God is to give us another opportunity after we have failed Him! God is as much concerned about the worker as He is the work. He could have sent somebody else to preach to Nineveh, but Jonah would have missed out on the lesson he needed to learn. God wants to work in us as well as through us.

- I. Prophet's Commission Renewed vv. 1-2
  - 1. God met Jonah.
  - 2. God spoke to Jonah.
  - 3. God commissioned Jonah.
  - 4. God challenged Jonah.
- II. God's Message Repeated vv. 3-4
  - 1. The Place
  - 2. The Proclamation
  - 3. The Punishment
- III. Nineveh's Message to God vv. 5-9
  - 1. Faith v. 5
  - 2. Fasting vv. 6-9
- IV. God's Message to Nineveh v. 10
  - 1. Repentance
  - 2. Forgiveness

Conclusion: Jonah was given a second chance to make a right decision. Valuable time and energy had been wasted. When God calls you to obedience, you need to understand this: He's not going to change His character or His word. We are the ones who have to adjust. God never changes, but He can adjust to the changes in humans. 2