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Jonah 3:1

"And the Word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time..." Jonah 3:1

Lost opportunities are rarely recovered! There are no guarantees of second chances; "But for God..." Our Father's character is one of long suffering and great compassion. Yet, even then we dare not take for granted His lovingkindness nor tread upon the opportunities we are offered so graciously by Him. For who knows at what moment your time will end, your opportunities fade, and your soul will be required of you? (Luke 12:20).

None-the-less, the LORD is the Redeemer God! He is fully able to recover our failings, sins and missed opportunities and so transform these human foibles into wonders of His marvelous grace that the final result is often better than the first! Adam's rebellion and sin – Paradise lost – has now been overwhelmingly redeemed for mankind. The Second Adam, Jesus Christ, has completely removed the first Adam's failing and has opened the door for Adam's lost race to actually become the very "children of God." Mankind's lost fellowship with God has, through Jesus Christ, not only been restored, but through Him, we may now actually become members of His own eternal family!

So then – never waste opportunities when presented with them but follow the Spirit's direction at all times. Should you fail, expect the Lord to send His Word to you a second time as He did Jonah.

"Lord have mercy..."

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