

# Sermon Starter – Repentance and Second Chances

## *Jonah 3-4*

Are we willing to give those who have done something wrong a second chance? NFL player Michael Vick was given a second chance by the Philadelphia Eagle's coach Andy Reid because of what Reid went through with his sons. (Or use a more current example.)

Jonah knew the Assyrian's history of violent oppression and worshiping many gods. He did not think they deserved God's mercy. "Let's not get smug about the rotten old sinners in Nineveh. We all need to go through the repentance door if we want to be hugged by God," Adrian Plass (quoted in *Connect*, p. 71). Don't give up on wayward friends and children. Everyone needs God.

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