

INTRO - 1st & Ps ENGLISH 2nd and Gospel Spanish

(for men who'd spent the day in W)

1. Friday at Stonehill – Cursillo Retreat for Prisoners – Dinner at 9:30

20 men **bringing the Good News** to Prison

There are over 200 prisoners who have gone thru Cursillo

- Bible Studies *now in W*
- Prayer Groups *inmates with other inmates*
- Evangelizing other prisoners
- They are BRINGING THE GOOD NEWS

God's Love is Unconditional

Repent and believe the Gospel - forgiveness is yours

Repentance is the theme of this weeks readings (but you don't have to go to W to hear it)

Last week we heard about God's Call (Samuel – JC meets Andrew and John)

This week God calls Jonah (and he says NO)

Can we say NO? YUP – Free will

But when we say YES amazing things can happen LET US PRAY

JONAH

- God calls him to preach Repentance to Ninevah – Cruel Assyrians
 1. He runs away – exact opposite direction
 2. Storm, Crew tosses him - Swallowed by Nassau Grouper
 3. Dumped on beach of Ninevah

Today's reading start on the beach READ IT

“Nineveh was an enormous city ... it took 3 days to go through it”

“Jonah had gone but a single day” ONLY A THIRD OF THE WAY IN

“when the people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed a fast”

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil ways

HE REPENTED THAT'S THE POWER OF OBEYING GOD'S CALL

That is why we have PS25 “Teach me Your ways O Lord”

Not my ways – we need Your ways READ IT

watch → “Remember Your compassion - Your love from of old
Good & upright he guides us - He teaches us His ways

It's God's love and compassion that has Him send Jonah to Ninevah

It's God's love and compassion that results in His mercy to Ninevah

It's God's love and compassion that calls men to go into W with Cursillo

It's God's love and compassion that we can count on in the NSJ

1COR – a little lesson that THIS WORLD is passing away

what we need is God's Way, not the world's way READ IT

GOSPEL – READ IT

In today's Gospel we have Jesus calling "Repent and believe the Good News"
Jonah's message REPENT J the B REPENT JC starts His ministry REPENT
When God repeats Himself – its important - take notice!

Different from Jonah "Repent, in 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed"
Jesus says "Repent and believe the Good News"
Jesus brings Good News – what is that? Forgiveness
Jonah couldn't promise forgiveness – he wasn't God
But Jonah knew God was merciful
AND THAT IS WHY HE SAID NO TO GOD
He didn't want Ninevah to be forgiven
But he knew God's nature – slow to anger & full of compassion

Jesus says "The kingdom of God is at hand".
NOT It's coming, NOT It's almost here – Jesus says "this is it"
The reign of God is here! Right now, Right Here!

It says "they left their father Zebedee in the boat" Why didn't he follow?
A lifetime of work is a lot to abandon. There is a cost to discipleship.
Jesus says "This is the time of the fulfillment"
NOT It's coming, NOT It's almost here – Jesus says "this is it"

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT - The reign of God is here!
Others preach the Good News - **But Jesus IS the Good News**

Man on the T announced his engagement to the entire train
LOVE FROM THE HEART HAD FOUND A RESPONSE
AND HE COULDN'T KEEP STILL ABOUT IT

- Men in W sharing their faith – is love from the heart they can't keep still about
- The Apostles are going to become fishers of men – they meet J and can't hold it in
- THIS SAME GOOD NEWS IS OURS – THIS IS OUR FAITH
All consuming reality that God loves us & yearns to forgive our sin
We can be Nineveh, or we can be Zebedee – we have a choice