

Priscilla Shirer



FIND HOPE IN THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

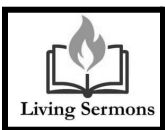
Transcribed and Published by LivingSermons.com

Find Hope in the God of Second Chances

Priscilla Shirer

Published By: LivingSermons.com

Watch Live Sermon [Here](#)



Title: Find Hope in the God of Second Chances

Author: Priscilla Shirer

Publisher: Livingsermons.com

© 2026 **Livingsermons.com**

All rights reserved.

No portion of this book may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, scanning, or otherwise—except for brief quotations in critical reviews or articles, without prior written permission from the copyright holders.

For the advancement of the Gospel of the Kingdom and the edification of the Body of Christ. **Scripture quotations** are taken from the *King James Version (KJV)* of the Holy Bible, which is public domain. **THIS BOOK IS NOT FOR SALE**

First Edition — 2026

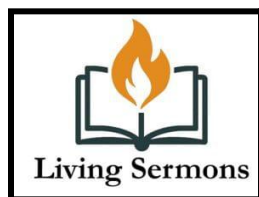
All inquiries and permissions:

info.livingsermons@gmail.com

www.livingsermons.com

Transcribed, Edited, and Published by Livingsermons.com

For Kingdom impact worldwide.



Foreword

From the very first line of this book, you can feel it—the gentle but unmistakable pull of the Holy Spirit drawing attention not to your perfection, but to God’s patience. Not to your failures, but to His faithfulness. Not to how far you’ve gone, but to how persistently He comes after you.

At the heart of this message is a simple, life-altering truth: **God is not finished with you.**

In a generation that is often quick to cancel, dismiss, or move on, this message stands as a bold reminder that God does not operate that way. He is not intimidated by your past, nor is He surprised by your mistakes. In fact, woven throughout Scripture—and beautifully unveiled in these pages—is a consistent pattern of divine mercy: a God who speaks again, calls again, restores again. A God who gives... another chance.

What makes this message particularly powerful is not just its theological depth, but its practical tenderness. Through familiar biblical accounts and relatable life illustrations, the truth is made clear: sometimes what feels like a setback is actually grace in disguise. Sometimes the “belly of the fish” is not the end—it is the turning point.

And perhaps most striking is this: your second chance is not just about you. As you will discover, every act of obedience, every return to God, every yielded moment carries ripple effects far beyond your personal life. Families, communities, and even generations can be impacted when one person says “yes” again to God.

So as you read, don’t rush. Pause where needed. Reflect honestly. Allow the Word to search deeply.

— *Wisdom Epsi*
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

Table of Contents

Foreword
Publisher's Note
Main Message
Begins Here
Opening Exhortation
Opening Prayer
A Childhood Picture of Grace
The Reality of Our Need
The God of Do-Overs in Scripture
A Personal Response to Grace
A Living Record of God's Voice
The Ongoing Call of God
Second Chances Are Bigger Than You
Moses: A Do-Over in the Wilderness
Jonah: A Man in Need of a Do-Over
Running from God
The Fish Called Grace
When Consequences Become Mercy
A Prayer for Grace That Interrupts
The Belly of the Fish
We Need His Presence
A Life Marked by His Presence
A Changed Response
A Message Backed by a Testimony
Closing Prayer
About the Speaker
About Living Sermons
Join Our Team

Publisher's Note

This book is a faithful transcript of a live sermon delivered by the preacher under the inspiration and unction of the Holy Spirit. Every effort has been made to preserve the preacher's exact words, tone, flow, and spiritual authority, while carefully proofreading and formatting the message into a clear and readable ebook format.

The message you are about to read was originally ministered in a live congregational setting. As such, it carries the weight, urgency, and atmosphere of that sacred gathering. Minor grammatical and structural adjustments have been made solely to enhance readability, without altering the substance, intent, or power of the original delivery.

The live sermon from which this message was transcribed can be accessed here: [Going Beyond Ministries](#)

Livingsermons.com does not claim ownership of this message. All spiritual credit and ministerial authority belong to the preacher through whom the Word was delivered. Our role is that of stewards and editors—serving the Body of Christ by preserving and distributing life-giving messages in accessible digital formats.

Our commitment is excellence without dilution.

Our standard is reverence for the Word of God.

Our daily goal is to transform powerful live sermons into polished PDF and ebook editions for the edification of the Body of Christ.

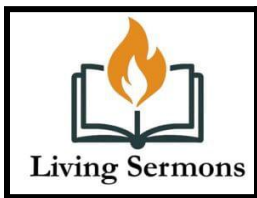
It is our prayer that as you read, the same grace, conviction, clarity, and impartation present in the live service will minister to you afresh.

— *Livingsermons.com*

A Spirit-led Publishing Stewardship

Main Message

Begins Here

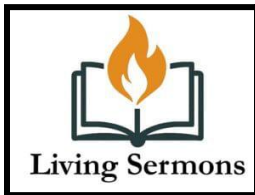


Opening Exhortation

So, if you find yourself feeling like you're sitting in the belly of a fish right now—where it feels hard and hot and sticky and sweaty—and you are not in the place that you would prefer to be, would you know that that place of grace is the opportunity that God is giving you?

It is a pause. A moment to hear Him whisper:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)



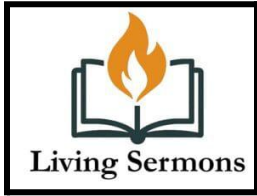
Opening Prayer

Lord, I thank You that Your Word is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Lord, You know that every time I come to the pages of Scripture, I come with a holy reverence and with awe at the fact that You would want to speak to us through Your Word.

Thank You, Lord, that You have not only provided a means through which we can hear Your voice, but that You will, by Your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear what it is that You want to say to us today. We are before You now, Lord—willing, open, and ready to receive a word straight from the mouth of God.

Do what You came to do, Lord. Take this one little message and divide it however many hundreds or even thousands of ways You need to, so that every single person under the sound of my voice will know beyond a shadow of a doubt that today they have heard the voice of God.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



A Childhood Picture of Grace

When I was growing up, I played outside a whole lot with a bunch of friends from the neighbourhood. That was back in the olden days when that's what kids did—we didn't have much to do indoors. We were always outside.

My parents would let us stay out throughout the day and into the evening. Then they would tell us that when those street lights came on, we needed to be headed back in.

During those hours outdoors, we had a blast. We made up games—tag, hide-and-seek, hopscotch, jump rope.

Now, I will tell you—I was never really adept at jumping rope. I was fairly good, but the girls who were incredible couldn't just jump one rope like me—they could jump double Dutch. Two friends would stand on either side, swinging two ropes in rhythm, and another would jump in at just the right time—keeping cadence, balance, and flow.

I was mesmerised by it. But when I tried, almost as soon as I started, I would get tripped up. And when I did, I would pause and say: “Hey, hey... can I get a do-over?”

The Cry for Another Chance

I don't know if you've ever heard that phrase before, but it was one we used all the time:

“Can I get a do-over?”

It meant:

- Give me another chance
- Extend me a little grace
- Let me try again
- Let me do it better this time

And when I think about that phrase now, I realise it's not just for childhood games. There have been many times in my relationship with the Lord where I have looked up to heaven and said: “Lord... can I get a do-over?”

What I'm asking for is grace. Mercy. Another opportunity. An opportunity to redo something—even if I was well-intentioned—that I made a mess of.

The Reality of Our Need

If we were all in one room together, and we passed a microphone from the front row to the back, we would not just be there for days—we would be there for weeks and months.

Every single one of us would have stories of:

- Mistakes
- Missteps
- Failures
- Moments we got it wrong

And yet, in every story, we would testify of the same thing:

God, in His grace, mercy, goodness, patience, and kindness, gave us a do-over.

The God of Do-Overs in Scripture

This theme of grace runs throughout all of Scripture. But one of the clearest places we see it is in a small phrase, in a small verse, in a small book tucked away in the Old Testament—the book of Jonah.

If your Bible pages stick together, this might be one you don't visit often.

But in **Jonah 3:1**, we read:

“And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time...”

Let's pause right there. Because if we read nothing else, that line alone is enough.

That phrase tells us everything:

- God had already spoken once
- Jonah had already missed it
- God came again

This was not the first opportunity. It was a **second chance**. And if you are anything like me, you know you have not only needed a second chance...

...but a third, a fourth, a fifth—even a twentieth.

And yet God, in His goodness and mercy:

- Opens our ears
- Softens our hearts
- Redirects our path
- Realignment our vision

A Personal Response to Grace

Every time I read that phrase—*“the word of the Lord came... the second time”*—it compels me to fall on my knees and say:

Thank You, Lord. Not just for the first time You spoke to me...

...but for the times You came again.

I am grateful for:

- Grace that is sufficient
- Mercy that is boundless
- Lovingkindness that is vast
- Patience that is perfect
- Goodness that is persistent

A God who keeps coming for us again... and again... and again.

A Living Record of God’s Voice

I don’t know if you underline in your Bible like I do. I’ve got dates in the margins. Highlights scattered throughout. This Bible—I’ve had it since I was 17 years old. The binding is worn, but it is precious to me. Because every marking is a record of:

- Moments God spoke
- Times He called me back
- Seasons He corrected me
- Instances where I tried to circumvent His will

And yet, He kept speaking.

The Word Still Comes

That is why I have that phrase underlined:

“The word of the Lord came... the second time.”

Because if it came to Jonah again...

...it can come to you. It can come to me. I wonder—have you needed a second chance?

Can you look back and see moments where God gave you opportunities you did not deserve?

Because the truth is:

- He does not need us
- Yet He chooses us
- He invites us to partner with Him

And even when we:

- Ignore Him
- Delay obedience
- Turn away
- Follow our own path

There is still good news. He is a God of second chances. And His grace is sufficient—even for you. Even for me.

There is:

- Nothing you have done
- Nowhere you have been
- No depth you have fallen to

That places you beyond His reach.

“Is the Lord’s hand waxed short, that it cannot redeem?” (Isaiah 50:2)

You cannot outrun His grace.

The Ongoing Call of God

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. And the word of the Lord is still coming to us.

- Calling.
- Beckoning.
- Inviting.

Drawing us back into alignment with His purposes.

A Thread Throughout Scripture

This theme is everywhere in Scripture. From the very beginning:

Adam and Eve—given everything, yet they rebelled.

Sin entered. It looked like all hope was lost. But God showed Himself as the God of second chances. They were given another opportunity. And through Seth, and then Enosh:

“...then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.” (Genesis 4:26)

Second Chances Are Bigger Than You

Sometimes, the beauty of a second chance isn't fully seen until we realise: It was never just about us.

It was about:

- Our children
- Our grandchildren
- Generations after us

Moses: A Do-Over in the Wilderness

Ask Moses. In **Exodus 3**, he is in a wilderness—dry, barren, desolate. And it was a consequence of his own actions.

- He made a choice.
- He took matters into his own hands.
- He killed an Egyptian.

Now he is in exile. Forty years. Doing something beneath what he was trained for. And maybe that's where you are:

- In a wilderness
- In a consequence
- In a place you know you helped create

But hear this:

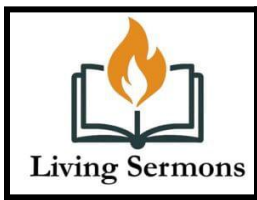
Bushes can still burn in deserts.

God met Moses there. And at 80 years old, Moses received a do-over.

He became:

- A leader
- A deliverer
- A vessel of God's power

There is nothing you have done. There is nowhere you have been. There is no mistake you have made. That puts you outside the reach of the God who gives do-overs. And that alone... **is reason to celebrate.**



Jonah: A Man in Need of a Do-Over

He didn't just do it for Ruth and Rahab and Noah and all the other characters in Scripture—we could go on and on. For those who were given a second chance, He didn't just do it for them. He also does it for us. Just like He did it for Jonah.

We haven't even gotten out of the first line of chapter 3, verse 1, and there's enough there to keep us in celebration all day. Jonah needed a second chance. Because you know his story.

God had given him a clear word in the very first verses of chapter 1. The word of the Lord came to him, giving him instruction to go to Nineveh and deliver a message that would change the trajectory of an entire nation. But Jonah, much like us, didn't like God's instructions. Nineveh was part of the Assyrian Empire—violent enemies of Israel. It is very possible that Jonah had seen people he loved harmed by them.

So when God said, "Go there and proclaim My grace and mercy to those people," it was not easy. It is understandable.

Running from God

Instead of obeying, Jonah rebelled. He went to Joppa, boarded a ship, and sailed toward Tarshish. But no matter how far you think you've gone, you cannot escape God.

He is omniscient.

He is omnipresent.

He sees:

- Where you've been
- Where you're trying to go
- The quiet rebellion no one else knows

Even if others don't see it—God does.

So the Lord stirred up a storm. A violent storm. One that no one on the ship could escape. Jonah knew the truth—it was because of him. And he volunteered to be thrown overboard. The sailors tried to avoid it, but eventually they had to do it.

They had been caught in a storm that Jonah created. And I wonder—Are there people around you caught in a storm you created?

Because of:

- What you said
- What you chose
- What you ignored

The Fish Called Grace

Jonah is thrown into the sea, expecting death. But in **Jonah 1:17**, it says:

“Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah...”

This is where his do-over begins. It doesn't feel like grace. It feels devastating.

- Three days.
- Three nights.
- In darkness.

But if that fish had a name, its name would be: **Grace**.

Because it was God's grace that:

- Saved him from drowning
- Carried him through the deep
- Positioned him for restoration

And then deposited him back on dry ground.

When Consequences Become Mercy

Sometimes you are swallowed by consequences. And in the moment, it feels like punishment. But in hindsight, you realise: That was grace. A moment to:

- Pause
- Recalibrate
- Realign
- Return

If there is still breath in your lungs, you still have a second chance.

A Prayer for Grace That Interrupts

As a mother of three sons, one of my consistent prayers is this: “Lord, expose anything in their lives that needs to be corrected. Give us discernment as parents. Interrupt anything before it goes too far.”

In other words:

“Lord, send a fish called grace.”

Let them be stopped, so they can be saved.

The Belly of the Fish

So if you feel like you are in the belly of a fish right now—

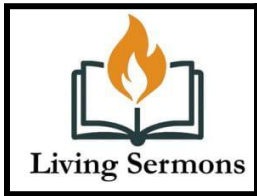
Where it feels:

- Hard
- Hot
- Uncomfortable

Know this:

That place is grace. It is your pause. Your moment to hear Him whisper:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)



A New Chapter Is Possible

This moment is not just for celebration. It is for decision. Because chapter 3 and 4 of your life can look different from chapter 1 and 2.

You have an opportunity now to respond. To lean into that conviction.

To obey.

Obedience Begins with What You Already Know

In Jonah 3:2, God says again:

“Arise, go to Nineveh...”

The instruction did not change. God does not change. If you are wondering how to get back on track: **Go back to the last thing God told you—and do that.**

Most times, God is not giving a new word. He is asking: “Will you obey the one you already have?”

Walking in God's Will

We often pray: "Lord, show me Your will."

But what we mean is: "Show me the next 20 years."

And God is saying: "If I can just get you to obey for the next 20 minutes..."

Step by step.

Day by day.

That is how you walk in His will.

God didn't just give Jonah an assignment. He gave him an assurance: "Proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

Meaning: "I will go with you."

He didn't promise full details. He promised His presence.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it..." (Isaiah 30:21)

We Need His Presence

Moses understood this. In **Exodus 33:15**, he said: *"If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."*

We don't want:

- Promises without presence
- Purpose without presence

It is His presence that:

- Marks us
- Distinguishes us
- Empowers us

A Life Marked by His Presence

It would be ridiculous for:

- A Starbucks to have no hot drinks
- A restaurant to have no food

In the same way—It should seem just as strange for a believer to carry the name of Christ but not be marked by His presence. Because we need more than:

- Willpower
- Good intentions

We need the Holy Spirit.

A Changed Response

This time, Jonah obeys.

He arises. He goes. And he preaches the shortest sermon ever:

“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.” (Jonah 3:4)

A Message Backed by a Testimony

Jonah had just come out of the fish.

He likely:

- Smelled
- Looked worn
- Carried visible evidence of what he'd been through

But that was the power of his message. Not just what he said—**But what he had been through.** He was a living testimony of grace.

When Your Story Becomes Someone Else's Salvation

Jonah's second chance became Nineveh's opportunity. His obedience unlocked their redemption. Because God gave them a 40-day window to repent.

And they did. An entire city was transformed.

Someone else's breakthrough is connected to your obedience.

Your story

Your restoration

Your healing

Is linked to others.

From Mess to Message

God takes:

- Messes
- Mistakes
- Broken pieces

And turns them into testimony. When we yield to Him, He transforms everything.

A Picture of Redemption: Leftovers in the Hands of a Master

My mother was an incredible cook—especially with leftovers.

After Sunday meals, she would take what seemed unusable and:

- Chop it
- Reconfigure it
- Combine it

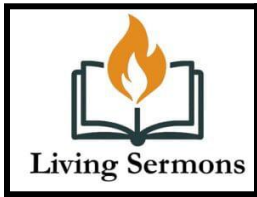
She would turn leftovers into something beautiful. It wasn't new ingredients. It was leftovers—**In the hands of a master.**

Chapter 1 and 2 of your life may feel like leftovers. But if you yield to God: He will:

- Rework it
- Redeem it
- Restore it

He will pour His Spirit over it. Add grace and mercy. And yes—even allow some fire.

But at the right time, He will bring out something beautiful.



Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, I thank You for second chances. Lord, You know me, and You know I have needed not just second, but third and fourth chances. Thank You that Your grace is sufficient and Your mercy is extravagant.

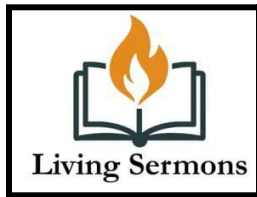
Today, You are offering us another opportunity.

So Father, we yield.

We surrender.

We say yes.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

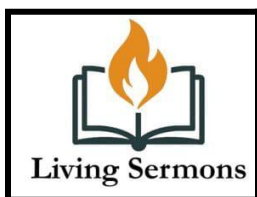


About the Speaker

Priscilla Shirer is a renowned Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker with a global influence in Christian ministry. She is widely recognised for her clear, Spirit-led teaching of Scripture and her ability to communicate deep biblical truths in a way that is both practical and transformational. Through her ministry, she has helped countless believers develop a stronger relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His Word.

As the daughter of Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer was raised in a Christ-centred environment that shaped her passion for teaching the Scriptures. She serves through Going Beyond Ministries, where she equips believers—particularly women—to study the Word of God with depth and confidence. Her teachings often focus on spiritual growth, identity in Christ, and living a victorious Christian life through faith and obedience.

In addition to her teaching ministry, she is a bestselling author and has been featured in faith-based films such as War Room, where her role further amplified her message on the power of prayer. Across conferences, books, and digital platforms, Priscilla Shirer continues to be a strong voice calling believers to intimacy with God, steadfast faith, and unwavering commitment to truth.



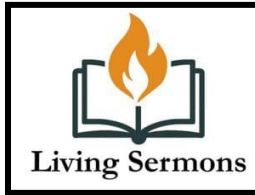
About Living Sermons

Living Sermons is a Spirit-led publishing platform dedicated to transforming timeless messages of God’s servants into books that can reach and impact lives across the world. Our mission is simple: to preserve the wisdom, revelation, and anointing carried in the preached Word and make it accessible in formats that can be studied, shared, and revisited for generations. By turning sermons into high-quality Christian books and eBooks, we extend the life and influence of each message far beyond the pulpit.

At Living Sermons, we believe that the preached Word is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). Every sermon carries truth that can instruct, comfort, rebuke, inspire, and transform. Our role is to faithfully capture these words, polish them for clarity and readability, and present them in a way that maintains the preacher’s unique voice and anointing.

Through our work, messages that might otherwise be heard once are preserved as lasting resources for teaching, devotion, discipleship, and evangelism. These books are designed not just for reading but for equipping believers, strengthening families, and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Living Sermons—the preached Word in lasting form.



Join Our Team

At **Livingsermons.com**, our mission is to ensure that sermons inspired by the Holy Spirit are accessible in written form for study, meditation, and reference by believers around the world. This work is growing, and we can't do it alone.

We are inviting passionate believers to volunteer in any of these roles:

- **Transcribers** – Convert sermon recordings into accurate transcripts.
- **Editors** – Refine transcripts into polished, readable eBooks.
- **Bloggers** – Create SEO-friendly posts to share new books.
- **Social Media Managers** – Share books online and engage our community.
- **Language Translators**
- **Graphics Designers**

If you feel led to serve in any of these roles, please reach out through our [Volunteer Page](#) on Livingsermons.com. Together, let's spread the knowledge of Christ to the nations.

We Are Social:

Instagram: [instagram.com/livingsermons](https://www.instagram.com/livingsermons)

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/livingsermons>