

— SERMON SERIES —

# *Rising Again*

Finding Strength After Failure

God's grace gives  
a second chance.



The Doctrine of a 2nd Chance (October 25, 2026), Shalom Ministries International Worship

# Munoshamisa (You are Amazing)

Lord You're my friend and I love You  
You are all that I need  
Saving my soul in Your mercy  
You pour love over me

Trials may come and dissuade me  
Drawing me from Your side  
But Your loving arms never fail me  
When I run back to You

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munoshamisa Jesu

Uyamangalisa, uyamangalisa,  
uyamangalisa Jesu  
Uyamangalisa uyamangalisa,  
uyamangalisa Jesu

# Intercessory Prayer



# Welcome the New Ambassadors

6<sup>th</sup> Ambassador Training  
August 8-October 24, 2026



Osborn Abraham  
(Kenya)



Mwiche Goma  
(Zambia)



Sunday Kalizya  
(Zambia)



James Kaluwe  
(Zambia)



Mulenga Katongo  
(Zambia)



Evelyn Kimeu  
(Zambia)



Charles Lokota  
(Zambia)



Simon Maweale  
(Zambia)



Lazarous Mbewe  
(Zambia)



Paul Musembi  
(Zambia)



Chrispin Muzyamba  
(Zambia)



Benson Mwenya  
(Zambia)



Mtonga Ndauza  
(Zambia)

# The Explosion

Lessons in Rapid Growth  
from the Early Church

New Sermon Series: Nov. 2026



# The God of the Second Chance

Jonah

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you" (Jonah 3:1-2).

Peter

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me? (John 21:17).

Prodigal  
son

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate (Luke 15:24).

Mark

Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry (2 Tim 4:11).

Paul

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect (1 Corinthians 15:10).

# Grace Leads to a Second Chance



God's underserved favor  
and saving work toward us  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Forgiveness + Restoration + Empowerment



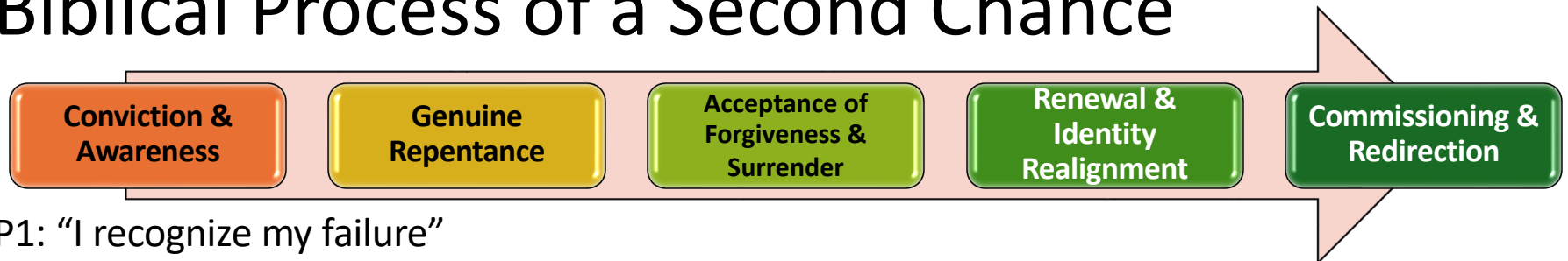
An opportunity to begin again,  
resume a calling, or live differently  
through God's mercy



Not just a return to the  
past, but a new beginning  
in Christ

- Grace (*Charis*) is God's infinite, unmerited favor and spiritual power.
- A Second Chance is a specific, relational application of that grace in time and space.

# Biblical Process of a Second Chance



P1: “I recognize my failure”

- The Lord looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly (Luke 22:61-62).

P2: “I turn back to God”

- Godly sorrow brings **repentance** that leads to salvation, but worldly sorrow brings death (2 Corinthians 7:10).

P3: “I trust God’s mercy”

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and **purify** us from all unrighteousness (Romans 12:1).

P4: “God is changing who I am becoming”

- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **the new creation** has come: The old has gone, **the new is here!** (2 Cor. 5:17).

P5: “I obey God’s calling now”

- Jonah **obeyed** the word of the LORD and **went** to Nineveh (Jonah 3:3).

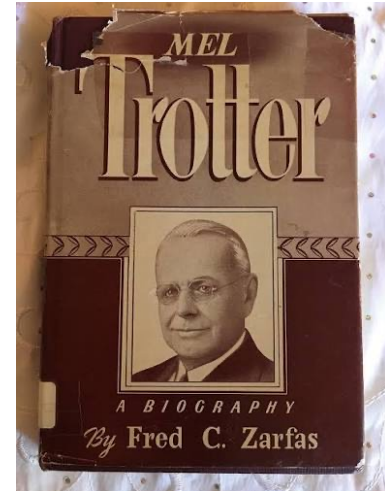
# The Origin/Cost of the Second Chance

- Divine initiative
  - A second chance originates in the sovereign love and initiating mercy of God. It never starts with human striving, seeking, or self-reformation.
  - “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet (John 4:19).
  - We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).
  - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).
- Substitutionary atonement
  - Our second chance is not an act of divine leniency; it is an act of divine substitution.
  - If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me (Philemon 1:18).
  - **Imputed righteousness**: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace (Ephesians 1:7).

# The Scope of the Second Chance

- God's second chances are unlimited/abundant
  - God welcomes repentant sinners and restores people who have failed, fallen, or wandered away from Him.
  - Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously (Isaiah 55:7).
- Does this mean God will always give us another chance?
  - The Bible affirms the abundance of God's mercy, but it does not promise that every person will receive unlimited earthly opportunities, unlimited time, or freedom from the consequences of sin.
  - The requirement of sincere repentance: The invitation to return to God is real, but the appropriate response is to repent today.
  - Earthly consequences and the boundary of lifetime: while God's capacity for mercy is unlimited, human opportunities to accept that grace within earthly life are finite.

# Mel Trotter (A Story of a Second Chance)



- Deep in addiction:
  - Mel Trotter struggled with severe alcoholism.
  - After losing his daughter, he fell into an unimaginable depth of sorrow.
- A Moment of despair:
  - Overwhelmed by guilt and hopelessness, he headed toward Lake Michigan intending to end his life.
- A Second chance through Christ:
  - On the way, he entered Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, heard the Gospel, and surrendered his life to Jesus.
- A Life transformed:
  - He devoted the next 40 years to Christian ministry, helping establish more than 60 rescue missions and bringing practical help and spiritual hope to people in need.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzYg9TOAsWQ>

# Final Reflection

- God's second chance isn't a small tune-up; it's a complete resurrection of purpose.
  - A second chance is not merely another opportunity to begin again; it is an opportunity to begin again with God.
- A second chance gives us a brand-new identity. The old person who stumbled is gone; the new person in Christ lives onward.
  - God's grace is greater than our failures, and our failures do not have to write the final chapter of our lives.
- God's second chance is available today. Stop saying 'not yet.' God's second chance is waiting for you today.
  - If God is giving you another opportunity today, what will you do differently to honor Him with the life He has entrusted to you?