



“Learning how NOT to be a Jonah in a Ninevite world”

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A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

The book of Jonah is narrative of *rescue*—it is the passionate pursuit of a loving and gracious God.

Jonah’s Running—His Defiance (Jonah 1)

Every aspect of God’s actions are rooted in love. He is mercifully pursuing a disobedient child, seeking *to rescue him from his miserable condition of broken fellowship*.

Jonah’s Repenting—His Confession (Jonah 2)

God is in the process of breaking this hardened man. He is continuing His loving pursuit of rescue.

I. Jonah’s Responding—His Obedience (Jonah 3)

A. Jehovah’s _____—Wrath (v. 1-4)

B. Jehovah's Moving—A _____ (v. 5-10)

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of **God** are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O **God, Thou** wilt not despise.

2 Peter 3:9 The **Lord** is not slack concerning [*slow to fulfill*] **His** promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Rand Hummel – True repentance involves a change of mind about God, sin and self. These people believed that God was right, and they were not only wrong but deserving of His judgment because of their sin.

What we see is what God can accomplish through a sinful individual who responds to God in obedience.

II. **Jonah's Reacting—His _____ (Jonah 4)**

Jonah 4 is all about the war of worship. This war is the battle of who or what rules your heart.

Q: What rules your heart? This is what is shaping your responses toward God's Nineveh commands to you.

Paul Tripp – A desire for even a good thing becomes a bad thing when it becomes a ruling thing.

A. **Jonah's _____ Plea (v. 1-3)**

1. **Jonah's Amazing Statement (v. 2)**

2. Jonah's Drastic _____ (v. 3)

3. Jehovah's _____ Question (v. 4)

4. Jonah's Destructive _____ (v. 5)

B. Jehovah's _____ in Pursuit (v. 6-8)

1. What His _____ revealed—selfishness

Jonah's selfishness is on full display.

2. What His _____ displayed—love

Notice God's involvement in the most minute detail of Jonah's life. He calls a "worm" to do His bidding.

Warren Wiersbe – A simple test of character is to ask, "What makes me happy? What makes me angry? What makes me want to give up?"

C. Jehovah's _____ & Jonah's _____ (v. 9-11)

The LORD, once again, confronts Jonah about his anger. He is, again, asking Jonah if he has a good reason to be angry.

God had used the gourd as an object lesson to reveal Jonah's wicked heart. God confronts the **values** of Jonah's heart.

God's question to Jonah is simply, "Jonah, are you ok with placing more value upon your own comfort than you are placing upon My glorious redemptive plan?"

Consider God's glorious redemptive plan as He willingly stepped outside of what was comfortable as He willingly sent His Son to die for the sins of His God-hating creation.

Q: What really rules your heart? This is what is shaping your responses toward God's Nineveh commands to you.

What is my next step?

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