

## ROLLER COASTER FAITH

Jonah 4.1-11

### JONAH THE POUTING PROPHET

Jonah 4.1-5

Jonah actually argues for the logic of his running and rebellion. He uses his theology to make his case that his choice was good.

**Your theology won't always work towards obedience,  
Because your use of your theology is dictated by your heart.**

- Paul Tripp

If your heart isn't submitted to the work and ways of God, you'll use your theology to justify you doing things in your own wisdom. Jonah even uses beautiful and biblical descriptions of Gods as reasons for why he ran.

### A WHALE AND A WORM

Jonah 4.6-11

So God gives Jonah what is really a living parable. He raises a plant to shade him, and Jonah is "exceedingly glad." He is most glad, not because of 120,000 sinners who were saved, but most glad over his own comfort.

**Jonah is most glad because of his own comfort,  
rather than the plan of God in his life.**

God then goes the other way from a whale, and uses a worm to accomplish His will. And Jonah responds again with anger. But this is not suffering due to God's divine neglect, nor punitive anger, but of uncomfortable grace (again) to help show Jonah what is in his own heart. God is again being patient towards him.

**You know you are in deep spiritual trouble when the sin of others  
concerns you more than your own sin.**

### GOD'S PATIENCE, OUR STUBBORNNESS

**It's so easy for us to want ourselves to be covered in grace,  
but want others to be judged by law.**

Our biggest problem is our own selves. Don't become okay with your sin. Don't become okay with your legalism and your self-righteousness. The story ends as a cliff-hanger, and it seems that this is left this way to remind us that the story of our sanctification is always "To Be Continued." Jonah never arrived, and neither will we.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Psalm 105:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! <sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our kids' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security.

Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM** here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall.

For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Jonah 4:1-11**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Jobey talked about how Jonah was pouting because he did not get his way. What is the root sin that is driving us to complain and moan despite the grace God continually provides? \_\_\_\_\_

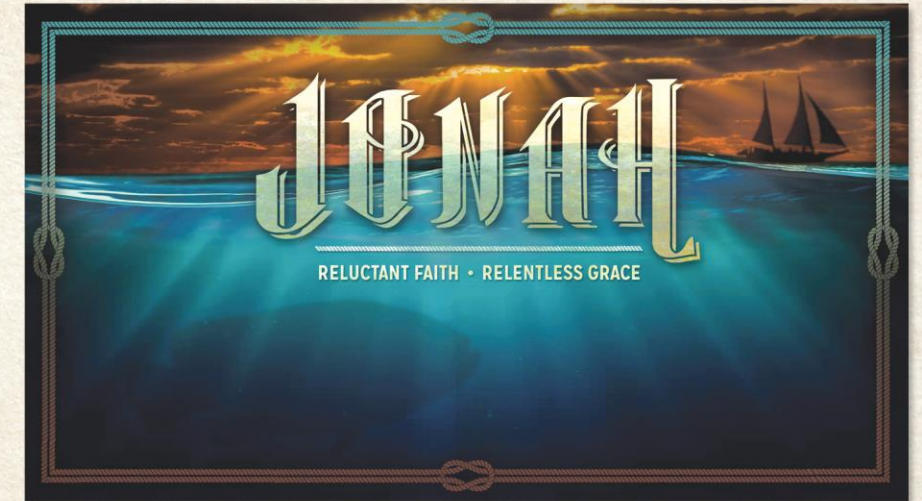
One of the quotes from Sunday's message was, "Jonah is most glad because of his own comfort, rather than the plan of God in his life." How can you relate to Jonah? Read **Luke 17:33**. \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Philippians 3:8-11**. Do you have the attitude of Paul from these verses or do you see yourself more often than not as a pouting Jonah? Paul is willing to lay his life down, so that others may know Christ and His resurrection power. Jonah is complaining because he is uncomfortable and God made known His power and mercy to the children of wrath in Nineveh. \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ephesians 2:3-10**. Like us, Jonah has forgotten the compassion and love that God the Father has shown us while we were still sinners. Discuss with the group a time that you were frustrated because someone did not get what they "deserved." Then discuss the times you remember that you also did not get what you deserved. \_\_\_\_\_

Jobey talked about how Jonah never "arrived." Jonah failed. Jonah doubted. Jonah forgot. *But God...*

Spend some time as a group and pray that we would show grace as Christ has shown us. No one is out of God's "reach." No one is too far that they cannot hear the Word of God. Encourage one another that we too will fail. We too will doubt and we too will forget, *But God...*



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