

## JONAH 4:2-4 – GOD’S STUBBORN LOVE IS TRIUMPHANT

You’re Only as good as your last sermon – JONAH GOOD TO GO

BOOK ENDED AT CHAPTER 3 JONAH WOULD HAVE MEMORIALIZED ONE GREATEST PROPHETS - simple message with astounding results (**HOW MUCH BETTER?**)

- Not just sermon preached/attitude it’s preached with (prodigal son’s elder bro)

Q: Jonah was more interested justice than salvation, God’s judgment than His mercy.

MP: Jonah knew that God’s love was the single most powerful force in the universe, powerful enough to save a city and a culture.

- displeased that God moved, blessed, miracled (That’s what he did)
  - o REMINDER: God’s Stubborn Love Always Wins

### GOD LOVED HIS PROPHET EVEN IN HIS DRAMA

FOR JONAH - GOD’S LOVE WAS THE PROBLEM - He knew God was going to be GOD

- I KNOW YOUR CHARACTER – REVELATION AND EXPERIENCE

Exodus 34:6 “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup>keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

- o Reputation concerned: U can hear - WHAT WILL PPLE THINK reachout

If your reputation is being dragged through the mud on earth, so that it can be esteemed in heaven, it’s worth it. If His glory means your humbling, it’s worth it.

- HOW LOW ARE YOU WILLING TO GO? How low did he go for you?

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

### GOD LOVED HIS PROPHET IN HIS DISOBEDIENCE

2<sup>nd</sup> TIME ABANDONED HIS POST - Didn’t want celebrate and or **EVEN SEE** God’s work  
God still loved him by caring for him (**still blessed**)

How many times have you **still been blessed**?

- EVEN AFTER ALL THIS - GOD TOOK CARE OF HIS NEEDS (**GOURD**)

Psalms 63:3 Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise *You*. <sup>4</sup>Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

### GOD’S LOVE CAN CHANGE A CULTURE

IS IT RIGHT? **NOT A MATTER OF OPINION** “This isn’t right” – YOU DON’T CARE

- Your attitude isn’t right – what he missed ...one of the greatest revivals

More concerned about his small needs being met than the salvation of people.

Q: He called a city to repentance, but he wouldn’t repent himself.

News flash to Jonah God’s love isn’t the problem it’s the solution.

- Christians forget this: politics, issue, cause, group think – miss the point

JESUS MOVEMENT (churches missed politics Vietnam, disdain 4 hippies – ppl grp)

## **NINEVEH PROVES A CITY AND A CULTURE CAN CHANGE IN A DAY – THE WORST**

- NINEVEH EXHIBIT A – SIGN OF RESURRECTION (LIFE FROM DEATH)
- **WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO DO NOW – HE WANTS TO SAVE PEOPLE**

**The same God was concerned about souls in Nineveh is concerned souls in AMER.**

1 Timothy 2:4 *God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* <sup>5</sup> For *there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

**CHURCH NEEDS TO BE UNITED** (open don't open, masks no masks, distance don't distance, conspiracynoconspiracy – **UNITED WE STAND**)

- Churches FRACTURING – ADVERSARY KNOWS – **GOSPEL OUR FOCUS**

**GOD IS GOING TO MOVE – WILL UR HEART B IN RIGHT PLACE U CAN B PART**