

JONAH God's Relentless Grace

God's Voice in Our World (Jonah 1:1)

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Jonah 1:1-3 *The word of the LORD came to Jonah: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." ³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

- The Book of Jonah is about the God of Relentless Grace who never stops coming after people for their _____ and His _____.

God's Voice to Jonah's World

2 Peter 1:19-21 *Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

- The "Word of the Lord" went out for His _____ and people's _____.

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John 1:1-14 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind...⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Romans 3:25 *God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

Mark 9:7 *This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"*

- In Jesus' voice we hear what is _____ about God, ourselves, and our relationship with Him.

"7 Minutes with God"

½ Minute: Preparing Your Heart

- Invest the first 30 seconds preparing your heart. You might pray, "Lord, cleanse my heart so you can speak to me through the Scriptures. Make my mind alert, my soul active, and my heart responsive."

4 Minutes: Listening to God (Scripture Reading - perhaps start with Gospel of Mark)

- Take the next four minutes to read the Bible.

2½ Minutes: Talking to God (Prayer)

- After God has spoken through His Book, then speak to Him in prayer. One method is to incorporate four areas of prayer that you can remember with the word **ACTS**.
 - **Adoration:** Tell the Lord that you love Him. Reflect on His greatness.
 - **Confession:** Having seen Him, you now want to be sure every sin is cleansed and forsaken. "Confession" comes from a root word meaning "to agree together with." When we apply this to prayer, it means we agree with God's estimation of what we've done.
 - **Thanksgiving:** Think of several specific things to thank Him for: your family, friends, your work, your church - even thank Him for hardships.
 - **Supplication:** This means to "ask for, earnestly and humbly." Ask for others, then ask for yourself.

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