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OUR GOD OF RELENTLESS GRACE: SERMON SERIES ON JONAH

## Compassion for All: A Contextual Overview of Jonah

Matthew 12:38–41

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- Worship Through Giving
- Scripture Reading
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**Pastor Mikee Sosmeña**

Sunday English and Filipino Services

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Traditional Service

Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

# COMPASSION FOR ALL: A Contextual Overview of Jonah

Matthew 12:38–41

One of the subtlest ways we attempt to usurp God's reign in our hearts is by dictating to Him whom to be merciful to. As we navigate through a world saturated in warfare and self-preservation, let us turn to the book of Jonah these next few months to rediscover our God of relentless grace. Exploring the context and overview of Jonah will lead us to conclude that God, in His sovereign compassion, freely calls all kinds of people to believe in Him, to repent from their evil, and to be saved from destruction.

## 1. The Context on The Book of Jonah | God's sovereignty in history (vv. 38–39)

- The Narrative's Historicity – This real and historical narrative is rightfully in our canon.
- The Nations in History – While Israel was prospering, the prophesied conqueror Assyria was declining.

## 2. The Character of The Prophet Jonah | God's correction of silliness (v. 40)

- The Silliness of His Flight – Jonah attempted to flee from the presence of his sovereign God.
- The Submission in The Fish – Captured in poetry, Jonah's heart returned to the Lord.

## 3. The Compassion in The God of Jonah | God's grace for all people (v. 41)

- The Prophet God Pursued – God rescued Jonah and restored him to God.
- The Pagans God Pitied – The Phoenician sailors and the Ninevites were delivered by God.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Selective compassion is not our Savior's compassion. As we grow in compassion as a community of believers, we grow in Christ-likeness. Our sovereign God has given us Jonah that we may unlearn our silly pre-understandings of His compassion, and may instead embrace His relentless grace for us and for the whole world. ■



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# HABAG PARA SA LAHAT: Ang Konteksto at Kabuuang Kaganapan ng Jonas

Matthew 12:38–41

Isa sa mga hindi natin namamalayang paraan ng pag-agaw sa paghahari ng Diyos sa ating buhay ay sa tuwing idinidikta natin sa Kanya kung sino ang nararapat na makatanggap ng Kanyang habag. Sa mundo natin na laganap ang digmaan at pagiging makasarili, ating pag-aralan ang aklat ni Jonas sa mga susunod na linggo upang muli nating matuklasan ang walang humpay na biyayang nagmumula sa Diyos. Sa ating pagtalakay ng konteksto at kabuuang kaganapan ng Jonas, matututunan natin na ang dakilang habag ng Diyos ay nag-aanyaya sa sangkatauhan na manampalataya sa Kanya, magsisi sa kanilang kasamaan, at maligtas mula sa kaparusahan.

## 1. Ang Konteksto ng Aklat ni Jonas I

### Ang Pagiging Hari ng Diyos sa Kasaysayan (vv. 38–39)

- Ang Pagiging Makasaysayan ng Aklat ni Jonas – Ang kuwentong ito ay makatotohanan at makasaysayan kaya't ito'y nararapat na kasama sa kanon.
- Ang Kasaysayan ng Mga Bansa – Habang umuunlad ang Israel, ang inaabangang mananakop na bayan ng Asiria ay naghihirap.

## 2. Ang Katangian ni Propetang Jonas I

### Ang Pagtutuwid ng Diyos sa Kahangalan (v. 40)

- Ang Kahangalan ng kanyang Pagtakas – Sinubukan ni Jonas na lumihis sa presensya ng Diyos.
- Ang Pagsuko Niya sa Loob ng Tiyan ng Isda – Sa kanyang awit, nanumbalik ang puso ni Jonas sa Panginoon.

## 3. Ang Kagandahang Loob ng Diyos ni Jonas I

### Ang Pagpapala ng Diyos sa Sangkatauhan (v. 41)

- Ang Propetang Hinabol ng Diyos – Sinagip at tinuwid ng Diyos si Jonas.
- Ang Mga Paganong Kinahabagan ng Diyos – Iniligtas ng Diyos and mga Penisyanong mandaragat at ang mga taga-Ninive.

## PANGWAKAS

Ang habag na pumipili ay hindi habag mula sa ating Tagapagligtas. Habang tayo ay nagiging mas mahabagin bilang isang komunidad ng mga mananampalataya, tinutularan natin si Hesukristo. Ibinigay ng haring Diyos natin ang aklat ni Jonas upang malimutan natin ang mga dating inakala natin tungkol sa Kanyang habag, at sa halip ay tanggapin natin ang Kanyang walang humpay na biyaya para sa atin at para sa sanlibutan. ■



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# WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

## SUNDAYS

**8:00 AM** English

**10:30 AM** English  
Auditorium B

**3:00 PM** Filipino

**5:30 PM** English  
Auditorium A

## SATURDAYS

**5:30 PM** Traditional  
Auditorium B

## WEDNESDAYS

**6:30 PM**

Ortigas Community Worship  
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

## KIDS ON SUNDAYS

**8:00 AM,** Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School

**3:00 PM,** Ages 2–6 • Toddler's Center

**5:30 PM** Ages 7–12 • 4th Floor

**10:30 AM** Ages 2–3 • Toddler's Center  
Ages 4–12 • 4th Floor

All ages 13 and above, worship with your parents at the Auditorium

## YOUTH ON SATURDAYS

**4:00 PM** Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering  
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

## YOUNG ADULTS ON FRIDAYS

**7:00 PM** YA Fridays  
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

## BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAYS

**9:30 AM** Sunday Bible School (SBS)  
Open to all • GCF Chapel

**9:30 AM** "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study  
For all high school students • Room B406

**9:30 AM** Men's Growth Group Express  
Open to all men • Room A109

## PRAYER HOUR ON THURSDAYS

**8:00 PM** GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Open to all • Online via Zoom  
Zoom link: [bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer](https://bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer)  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 • Passcode: 984990

## OUTREACH ON WEDNESDAYS

**5:30 PM** Ortigas Community Outreach  
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

*Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!*

### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'" (Matthew 11:28–30)

### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

## QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need Biblical counseling, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794.

## HOLY WEEK 2026 AT GCF ORTIGAS



### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

**Good Friday Service**

April 3 (Friday)  
5:00 PM, Audi B



### THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

**Resurrection Sunday Services**

April 5 (Sunday)  
10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Audi B

*Invite your family and friends to remember  
Christ's death and celebrate His resurrection!*

## Spiritual Gifts Class

**Mar 29** 12:00 NN – 3:00 PM  
(Sunday) Room B302-303, 3rd Floor  
Open to all  
Register now via [gcf.link/SpiritualGifts](https://gcf.link/SpiritualGifts)

## Growth Group Leaders Training 1 (4 Sessions)

**Starting April 11** 12:00 NN – 3:00 PM  
until **May 2** Youth Center, 6th Floor  
(Saturdays) Open to all GCFers endorsed  
by their GG Leader  
Register now via [gcf.link/GGLT](https://gcf.link/GGLT)

## “Effective Parenting in a Defective World” A 9-Session Parenting Seminar

**Starting April 12** 9:30 – 10:30 AM  
until **June 7** Room B302-303, 3rd Floor  
(Sundays) For inquiries, contact Janette at  
0917 532 1921

## Women's Monthly Bible Studies

**April 18** **Naomi Women (for widows)**  
(Saturday) 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN  
Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor  
Register now via [gcf.link/Naomi](https://gcf.link/Naomi)

**April 18** **SHE (for single women)**  
(Saturday) 10:30 AM – 12:00 NN  
Room B122, Ground Floor  
Register now via  
[gcf.link/SHEBrunchFellowship](https://gcf.link/SHEBrunchFellowship)

**April 18** **SupaMom Mental Health Talk 2**  
(Saturday) 1:00 – 4:00 PM  
Room BM02-BM03, Mezzanine Floor  
Open to all single moms  
Register now via [gcf.link/SupaMoms](https://gcf.link/SupaMoms)

## JOY: High School Camp 2026

**May 29–31** CCT Tagaytay  
(Fri to Sun) Php 3,500 per person  
Open to all high school students  
Registration and payment info at  
[gcf.link/Camp2026](https://gcf.link/Camp2026)

# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



**Pastor Mike King Li**  
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## Effective Parenting in a Defective World

For years, our Couples Ministry has focused on helping couples safeguard their marriage relationships. Our relationship with our spouse is the second most important relationship we have, next to our relationship with God. Yet, most people get married without being prepared for the marriage relationship. They learn about marriage from their parents' examples. God designed marriage, and He instituted it right after He created Adam and Eve. Couples need to learn what the Bible teaches about marriage. That is why we hold the Biblical Portrait of Marriage classes every year.

Beginning this year, though, the Couples Ministry will explore the topic of parenting. How do parents raise godly children, especially in this day and age that is darkened by sin and its corrupting effects? God commanded His people to love Him with their entire being, and this included not only placing His words in their hearts but also teaching them to their children.

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:4–7)

We will be having parenting classes based on Chip Ingram's *Effective Parenting in a Defective World*, beginning on April 12 (Sunday), 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in Room B302 (3rd floor), and will continue for a total of nine consecutive Sundays, up to June 7.

If you are interested, please contact Janette at 0917 532 1921 for more details. ■

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