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Pastor Larry Pabiona
English Worship Service

Pastor BJ Sebastian
Filipino Worship Service

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Jonah 1:1–3

As we begin the famous “fish story” of Jonah, we must remind ourselves that the hero of this book is not the fish, not even Jonah, but our God and His relentless grace. Our passage begins with the prophet’s commissioning and then shows his disobedience.

GOD’S CALL IS RECEIVED BY JONAH

a. The Identity of the Prophet (v. 1).

- Jonah was a Galilean prophet to King Jeroboam, who reigned over the ten Northern tribes of Israel, from 786–746 B.C. Jonah successfully warned him against the Syrian invasion and prophesied in 2 Kings 14:25 that he would expand Israel to its former glory.
- Jonah means “dove.” In Genesis 8:10–11, the dove Noah sent from the ark returned with an olive branch, a symbol of peace and compassion. Jonah may symbolically imply God’s desire to rescue Nineveh from judgment.

b. The Imperative for the Prophet (v. 2).

- Nineveh was the capital city of the ruthless Assyrian empire. This “great” but wicked city is worth saving in God’s eyes.
- Jonah was asked to “call out against it,” the calling of every genuine Christ-follower today (Ezekiel 3:18–19).
- The statement, “their evil has come up before me,” highlights these aspects of God’s character: His Holiness, Omniscience, Justice, and Grace.

GOD’S CALL IS REJECTED BY JONAH (v. 3)

a. Jonah tries to escape from God.

By fleeing to Tarshish, Jonah is running away from two places: where God speaks to Him (Israel) and where God wants him to go (Nineveh). Sometimes we leave a place that reminds us of God to avoid the message we heard from Him there.

b. Jonah’s seeming success in disobedience.

He easily finds a ship and seems to have much money to pay for such a long, expensive trip. But it’s always a downward path. There is such a thing as Satanic providence.

FINAL THOUGHTS

When you are running from God, the path is always downhill. It’s easier to run, but your momentum might hurl you against a severe mercy that awaits at the bottom.

When God calls you to serve, serve! Don’t run. Your Father will always find you. ■



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Ang Paglisan Ni Jonah Sa Presensya Ng Panginoon

Jonah 1:1-3

Mayroon ba kayong kamag-anak o kaibigan o kapit-bahay o ka-opisina na inis kayo o hindi ninyo gusto ngunit alam ninyong kailangan ninyong bahaginan ng ebanghelyo? Makinig kayo nang mabuti sapagkat ang kuwento ni Jonah ay para sa inyo at sa akin.

1. ANG PAGTAWAG NG PANGINOON (Jonah 1:1-2)

- Ang pagtawag ng Panginoon ay nagmumula sa Kanyang makapangyarihang salita (v. 1a)
 - Ang salita ng Diyos ang lumikha ng lahat (Psalm 33:6)
 - Ang salita ng Diyos ang nagliligtas ng mga makasalanan (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18)
 - Ang salita ng Diyos ang naghihirang ng Kanyang mga propeta (Hosea 1:1; Jeremiah 1:4)
- Ang pagtawag ng Panginoon ay sa isang partikular na propeta (v. 1b)
 - Propeta noong panahon ni Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:25)
 - Naging larawan ng ministeryo ni Hesus (Matthew 12:38-41)
- Ang pagtawag kay Jonah ay kakaiba; ang pagpahayag ng babala ng Panginoon sa isang Hentil na bayan - "Arise, go to Nineveh" (v. 2)
 - Isang malaki at makasaysayang bayan - "that great city" (Jonah 3:3; Genesis 10:8-11)
 - Isang masamang bayan - "for their evil has come up before me" (Nahum 1:1; 3:1, 4)
 - Isang bayan na nakatakdang wasakin (Nahum 2:13)
- Ang pagtawag ng Panginoon ay may kapangyarihan na hindi natin mahihindian o labanan man (Isaiah 46:9-10; Daniel 4:35)

2. ANG PAGSUWAY NG PROPETA (Jonah 1:3)

- Tahasang pagsuway sa utos ng Diyos ang tugon ni Jonah - "But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord" (v. 3)
 - Ayaw niyang sundin sapagkat kaaway ng mga Israelita ang Nineveh (2 Kings 19:11; Nahum 2:2-9)
 - Alam niya na kayang iligtas ng Panginoon kahit na ang isang masamang bayan - "for I knew you are a gracious God" (Jonah 4:2; Exodus 34:6-7)
 - Akala niya makakalisan siya sa presensya ng Panginoon sa kanyang pagpunta sa Tarshish (Ezekiel 27:12; Psalm 139:7-10)
- Tulad ni Jonah, madalas din tayong natutukso na hindi sumunod sa inuutos ng Diyos sa atin sapagkat hindi ito ayon sa ating kagustuhan
- Tinatangka din natin madalas na lumayo sa Kanya kahit na alam natin na hindang-hindi ito mangyayari

Uulitin ko ang katanungan ko sa umpisa ng mensaheng ito: Mayroon ba kayong kamag-anak o kaibigan o kapit-bahay o ka-opisina na inis kayo o hindi ninyo gusto ngunit alam ninyong kailangan ninyong bahaginan ng ebanghelyo? Kung ang sagot sa tanong na ito ay oo, huwag na tayong magtangka na lumisan sa presensya ng Diyos. Sumunod na tayo sa Kanyang pinag-uutos. Taglay naman natin ang Kanyang salita na makapangyarihan para sa kaligtasan ng lahat ng mananalig sa Kanya.■



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

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

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.

Growth Group Leaders Training 1 (4 Sessions)

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

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

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

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

April 18 **SHE (for single women)**
(Saturday) 10:30 AM – 12:00 NN
Room B122, Ground Floor
Register now via 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

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

On Her Knees: Prayer Hour for all Women

Every 1st **Dawnwatch**
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 AM via Zoom
Meeting ID: 833 2418 0296
Passcode: OnHerKnees

Every 3rd **Nightwatch**
Wednesday 8:00 – 9:00 PM via Zoom
Meeting ID: 878 5953 1298
Passcode: OnHerKnees

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Pastor Migs Orleans
Worship Ministry Group
Director

THANK YOU, MINISTRY SERVANTS!

As a local church, let's thank the Lord for enabling all who served in our recent special services: the Christmas Special (December 13–14), Anniversary Weekend (February 7–8), and Resurrection Sunday (April 5). As shared during rehearsals in Auditorium B, we omit curtain calls so that all worship points to God alone. Instead, we praise Him for every participant—seen and unseen, known and unknown—whose service was by His orchestration.

To the Christmas, Anniversary, and Resurrection Sunday Teams, thank you for serving the Lord and His church. May we never take for granted the gift of freely worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. As we approach the 50th year of Greenhills Christian Fellowship, may serving and gathering always feel like our first joy.

Thank you, church family, for praying with and for us.

SERVE IN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY!

The Worship Ministry Group offers various avenues of service—from Ushering, to Production, to the Music Teams. If you are interested to serve God with us, send an email with a “letter” of intent to all four of these email addresses:

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A simple and informal “letter” of intent is warmly welcomed. By the Lord's enabling, there remains a continual need for faithful servants in the frontlines as we all await Christ's return! ■

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