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**JONAH**  
*Our God of Relentless Grace*

## God's Relentless Grace for Pagans and Runaways

Jonah 1:11-17

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**Pastor Larry Pabiona**  
English Services

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Filipino Service

Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

# God's Relentless Grace for Pagans and Runaways

## Jonah 1:11–17

Jonah's run is about to end, but not without endangering others and eventually bringing them to appreciate the reality of God. And the severe mercy of God will find him at the lowest point of his life, literally and spiritually.

### THE TRAGEDY OF REGRET WITHOUT REPENTANCE

#### [vv. 11–12]

Stricken by guilt, Jonah proposes his sacrificial death rather than repent and obey God's command to go to Nineveh. But nobody runs successfully from God.

- Regret never works when it refuses to deal with the most offended. Judas reminds us painfully of that.
- Obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22). Anything else you do is not acceptable to God until you obey.

### THE FUTILITY OF SALVATION WITHOUT SACRIFICE

#### [vv. 13–16]

The pagan sailors act more godly than the prophet and reject Jonah's idea.

- The Struggle: The Limits of Human Effort (vv. 13–14). Nobody successfully resists the will of God.
- The Substitution: Peace Through Sacrifice (vv. 15–16). Can God use us when we are outside His will? God's relentless grace is such that even a disobedient servant is used to lead pagans to know and worship God.

### THE NECESSITY OF GRACE FOR THE GUILTY [v. 17]

God's relentless grace refuses to give up on the stubborn prophet. God appoints a "great fish" to preserve, not punish Jonah. Nothing is impossible with God.

### FINAL THOUGHTS

God's grace turns panicked pagans into prayerful worshipers and rescues a runaway prophet from himself. The same grace is extended to all who repent and believe in the substitutionary death of Christ on the Cross. *"The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here"* (Matthew 12:41). Will you be among those the men of Nineveh will condemn for refusing the One greater than Jonah? Will you willingly serve Him if He asks you? ■



Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

# Ang Grasya ng Diyos sa mga Pagano at sa Kanyang Propeta

## Jonah 1:11–17

Kapag tinatakbuhan natin ang kalooban ng Panginoon para sa atin, ginagamit Niya ang lahat upang tayo ay maibalik at maituwid. Ganyan ang nangyari kay Jonah, na isang propeta na tinakbuhan ang kanyang malinaw na misyon na dalhin ang babala ng Diyos sa Nineveh (Jonah 1:2–3). Malawak ang grasya ng Diyos at Kanyang itinakda ang kaligtasan ng lahat ng klaseng tao, Hudyo man o Hentil (1 Corinthians 1:18, 24). Makikita natin sa ating teksto ngayong hapon na ito na sa gitna ng pagdidisiplina ng Panginoon sa Kanyang propeta, nagpakilala din Siya sa mga pagano (Jonah 1:10).

### 1. “PAGSAKRIPISYO” NG PASAWAY NA PROPETA (Jonah 1:11–12)

- Sa limitado nilang kaalaman, napagtanto ng mga pagano na kailangan nilang mag-alay sa Diyos upang humupa ang bagyo (v. 11).
- Sa mga pagano, ito ay naging pagpapamalas ng Diyos na Siya ang makapangyarihan sa lahat.
- Sa halip na sumunod sa Diyos, si Jonah ay sumuko na lang sa tinanggap niyang kaparusahan sa kanya ng Diyos, at tila isinakripisyo ang kanyang sarili (v. 12).
- Kay Jonah, ito ay naging mapait na leksyon na ang pagsunod sa Diyos ay ang tunay na pag-alay ng sarili (1 Samuel 15:22; Luke 9:23).

### 2. PAGMAMALASAKIT AT PAGESAMBA NG MGA PAGANO (Jonah 1:13–16)

- Siya na walang pagmamalaskit sa mga pagano sa Nineveh ay pinakitaan ng malasakit ng mga paganong marino (v. 13), tulad ng mabuting samaritano sa Luke 10:36-37.
- Sila na tumawag sa kanilang mga diyos-diyosan noong una (v. 5) ay natutong humingi ng grasya sa tunay na Diyos (v. 14; Deuteronomy 21:8).
- Sa kanilang pagtapon kay Jonah sa dagat, nakilala nila ang tunay na Diyos na buhay sa biglaang paghinto ng unos (v. 15; Psalm 65:7; Luke 8:24), at sa Kanya sila tuloy nag-alay ng kanilang pagsamba (v. 16; Genesis 8:20; 31:54).
- Sa lahat ng ito kumilos at nagpakilala ang Diyos sa mga pagano kahit na sa pamamagitan ng Kanyang pagdidisiplina sa isang suwail na propeta.

### 3. PAGSAKLOLO SA PROPETA (Jonah 1:17)

- Ayon sa Kanyang kagandahang loob, nagpadala ang Diyos ng higanteng isda upang iligtas si Jonah sa pagkalunod (v. 17).
- Sa Kanyang pakikipagtunggali sa mga relihiyoso, ginamit ito ni Hesus na “tanda” ng Kanyang pagiging Mesias (Matthew 12:39–41).

Tulad ni Jonah, may utos sa atin ang Diyos na hindi sinusunod ng marami sa atin (Matthew 28:18-20). Linggo-linggo inaalay natin ang ating sarili sa pagsamba sa Kanya, ngunit hindi natin sinusunod nang may katapatan ang “Great Commission.” Hihintayin pa ba natin na lamunin tayo ng higanteng isda? ■



# 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.

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

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

## Legal Aid Drive: Free Legal Consultation

**May 17** (Sunday) 12:00 NN – 5:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor  
This is open to individuals who:

- Have personal legal concerns (family law, estate matters, tenancy disputes, minor criminal issues, etc.)
- Cannot afford legal consultation elsewhere
- Walk-in and sign the required waiver before consultation

Contact Atty. Euki Candari at [eureka.candari@gmail.com](mailto:eureka.candari@gmail.com) or 0919 620 7226

## Basic Missions Awareness Course (4 Sessions)

**June 7, 14, 21, 28** (Sundays) 1:00 – 5:30 PM  
Room A107a–A107b, Ground Floor  
Registration Fee: P150 / person  
Register via [gcf.link/BMA](https://gcf.link/BMA)

# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Disciple-Making Ministry (DMM)

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

For receipts, email your transaction document to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)

For more information, visit [gcf.org.ph/give](http://gcf.org.ph/give)



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“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” – Luke 24:45-47 (ESV)

Jesus, having journeyed with His disciples through life experience and ministry, intentionally taught Scripture (v. 45) so that they would understand Jesus’ life, death and resurrection would compel and inspire them to “proclaim” the name of Jesus among their fellow Jews and later on the rest of the world (vv. 46-47). In the same way, GCF today is called to embrace the Gospel foundation of Christ’s Lordship, in order to live out its mandate to make Christ’s Gospel known to the “nations”. We commit to this as a church through the **Missions Ministry**.

### Mission & Vision

- **Mission:** Equip God’s people through missional discipleship for the furtherance of His Kingdom.
- **Vision:** Every GCFer engaging in missions locally and globally by 2030

We are stewards of God’s global mission, entrusted with both depth (discipleship) and breadth (proclamation). Missions, therefore, is not just the responsibility of a specialized group; it is the identity of the whole church. Every believer is called to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Christ. To be a disciple is to be a witness.

### Participate in God’s Missions

So learn more about the Missions Ministry at the Lobby today, **Missions Sunday**. Know how the Lord is calling you, your family, disciples, or your Growth Group to participate in His mission. For more info, follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/gcfmissmin](https://facebook.com/gcfmissmin)), or email us ([missions@gcf.org.ph](mailto:missions@gcf.org.ph)). ■

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