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Our God of Relentless Grace

God's Appointments and Our "Disappointments"

Jonah 4:5-8

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Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

God's Appointments and Our "Disappointments"

Jonah 4:5–8

Jonah waited outside Nineveh, hoping that God would change His mind and annihilate them (v. 5). But before God gives His last word, the Ultimate Teacher appoints three object lessons, three powerful illustrations, to reveal Jonah's heart to himself and God's heart to him:

1. The Plant: Grace was never meant to make us feel entitled (v. 6)

- God **appoints** a plant, exactly like he appointed the fish (Jonah 1:17). He responds "with a great rejoicing" rooted solely in the gift, not the Giver.
- God's gifts are not meant for us to love them, but to love **Him**. Don't be so focused on His gifts that you value them more or expect more from the Giver.

2. The Worm: Grace includes having our false sense of security shaken or taken (v. 7)

- God **appoints** a worm to wither the plant, proving the shade was never meant for Jonah to keep. God kills the plant to save his servant.
- Stop asking "Why this loss? Why now? Why *this way*?" Your job is not to protect the plant but to learn the lesson it was teaching (Hebrews 12:5–6). Thank God for the grief that exposes the idol you keep.

3. The Wind: Grace includes being reminded of mortality (v. 8)

- God **appoints** a scorching east wind, and the sun makes Jonah faint and repeat his death wish. The wind strips away the booth and plant until Jonah is left with nothing but God. Thus, Jonah is reminded not only of his mortality but also of the Ninevites he wanted destroyed.
- Don't curse the wind if it's the only thing that blows you back into the arms of the Father. Stop asking for the plant. Ask instead for a heart that says, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15). Let the wind drive you to the Shade that never withers (Isaiah 25:4).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Some disappointments are God's appointments. As you accept God's sovereignty and power over your life, you must also believe that His love and grace superintend everything He permits or causes. Only then can you have the joy that comes from knowing God as a genuine Christ follower. ■



Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

Isang Aral Tungkol sa Dakilang Kahabagan ng Diyos

Jonah 4:5–8

Sa nakaraan nating pag-aaral, nakita natin ang galit ni Jonah sa ipinakitang kahabagan ng Diyos sa Nineveh (Jonah 4:1–2). Itinuring niyang kasamaan ang pagpapatawad ng Diyos sa Nineveh – siya na pinatawad ng Diyos sa kanyang pagsuway, niligtas sa pamamagitan ng malaking isda, at muling kinomisyon bilang propeta (Jonah 2:6, 10; 3:2; Matthew 18:32–35). Bakas sa tanong ng Diyos ang Kanyang nais na maituwid ang masamang ugali ni Jonah (Jonah 4:4).

1. ANG KATIGASAN NG PUSO NI JONAH SA DIYOS, v. 5

- Ang sagot ni Jonah sa tanong ng Diyos ay ang paglisan niya sa Nineveh upang hintayin ang pagbagsak sa kanila ng ninanais niyang paghatol ng Diyos sa kanilang kasamaan.
- Ang tigas pa rin ng puso ni Jonah. Hindi niya makuhang sumang-ayon sa pagpapatawad ng Diyos at magalak sa pagsisi at pagbabago ng mga taga Nineveh (Luke 15:10; 28–30).
- Ang pasensya ng Diyos kay Jonah ay wagas, at ganito rin ang maasahan natin mula sa Kanya sa tuwing tayo ay nagmamatigas sa ating pagrerebelde sa Kanya (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 1:16).

2. ANG KAGANDAHANG-LOOB NG DIYOS KAY JONAH, v. 6

- Inutusan ng Diyos ang isang halaman na bigyan ng lilim si Jonah sa matinding init ng araw upang maibsan ang kanyang galit. Ang Diyos ay soberenyo sa lahat ng bagay at ito ay ginagamit Niya upang mabigyan kaaliwan ang Kanyang mga anak, kahit na ang isang suwail na propeta (Psalm 103:8; Isaiah 30:18).
- Ikinagalak ni Jonah ang ginawang lilim ng Diyos para sa kanya mula sa init ng araw (Psalm 91:1; 121:5). Ngunit hindi niya makuhang magalak sa pagliligtas ng Diyos sa Nineveh mula sa init ng kanyang paghatol.

3. ANG ARAL NG DIYOS PARA KAY JONAH, vv. 7–8

- Inutusan muli ng Diyos ang isang uod upang patayin ang halaman na nagbigay lilim kay Jonah at ang isang mainit na ihip ng hangin upang ibalik ang paghihirap. Ang Diyos ay may awtoridad at kakayahan na magbigay ng biyaya at ng kalamidad din (Isaiah 45:7).
- Ipagpasalamat natin ang lahat ng ibinibigay sa atin ng Panginoon; masama man o mabuti. Ito dapat ang naging tugon ni Jonah sa ginagawang pagtutuwid ng Diyos sa kanya, na dapat din nating tugon sa mga biyaya at kalamidad na pinapahintulot ng Diyos sa buhay natin na Kanyang mga hinirang (Romans 8:28–29).

Hindi tayo nalalayo sa pagiging katulad ni Jonah. Mabuti na lang mahabagin ang ating Diyos at mapagpasensya sa Kanyang paghubog sa atin sa wangsing ng Kanyang bugtong na Anak na si Hesus; ating Panginoon at Tagapagligtas. ■



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.

How to Grow Classes

Started	12:00 NN – 2:30 PM
July 12 until	Room A303, 2nd Floor (for Men)
August 23	Room B302, 3rd Floor (for Women)
(7 Sundays)	Register now via gcf.link/HowToGrow

Shaking Hands with Mind Health and Renewal: Understanding the Mind and the Various Influences and Threats to its Development, Health and Fortitude

August 1	9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
(Saturday)	Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
	Register now via gcf.link/ShakingHands
	Open to all

Biblical Portrait of Marriage (Part 2)

August 1 and 8	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Saturdays)	Room BM07-08, Mezzanine Floor
August 15	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Saturday)	Youth Center, 6th Floor

Featured topics: In-Laws, Money, Sex, Romance, Communication, & Loyalty
Registration fee: P150/person
For dating, engaged, and married couples
Register now via gcf.link/BPOM

Maalaala Mo Kaya? Alzheimer's Disease and Its Prevention

August 8	9:00 – 11:30 AM
(Saturday)	Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
	Resource Speaker: Dr. Ida Sibayan, Internist-Geriatrician
	Open to all, not just seniors!
	Register now via gcf.link/SeniorsHealthForum2

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I praise God for sustaining us through the first half of the year. Despite the conflict that erupted in the Middle East, which continues to this day and has driven up the prices of goods and commodities, God has proven Himself faithful in providing our needs. How might our faith community, called GCF, help you and your family during this time? Kindly consider the equipping events below.

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

Are you facing conflict at home with your spouse and don't know what to do? You'd be surprised that most couples face similar conflicts in marriage. Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2 addresses common conflicts between husband and wife, namely in-laws, money, sex, romance, communication, and loyalty. This material was originally taught by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson and its teachings have been helpful to couples over the past few decades because the principles taught are anchored in the Bible, God's timeless Word.

The sessions will be held on Saturdays, August 1, 8, and 15, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, here in GCF. If you are interested, please contact Janette at 0917 532 1921 to know more and register.

Seniors' Health Talk on Alzheimer's Disease

Are you noticing that you have been frequently forgetting things such as people's names, appointments, whether you have already taken your medicine, or where you placed your glasses or cellphone? Or have you noticed this in a loved one? Is it the onset of Alzheimer's disease? Learn more at the Seniors' Health Talk entitled, "*Maalaala Mo Kaya? Alzheimer's Disease and Its Prevention*." Dra. Ida Sibayan, an Internist-Geriatrician, will give a talk on this health issue.

This will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, here in GCF. This is open to the public. If you are caring for elderly family members, you are welcome to join. Please contact Marj at 0917 779 1549 for more information.

May we be faithful in loving others as God has loved us, especially our family members. May the Holy Spirit transform us into better husbands and wives and more loving children toward our aging parents. God bless us all! ■

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