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OUR GOD OF RELENTLESS GRACE: SERMON SERIES ON JONAH

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Religious leaders come to Jesus with a demand that sounds reasonable, but reeks of unbelief. What Jesus gives them in response is not what they want, but what we need. Where does this passage stand in the unfolding story of redemption? How does it point to the person and work of Jesus Christ? And what does the grace of Christ's finished work require from His followers today?

1. [v. 38] THE DANGER OF DEMANDING SIGNS.

- This is not a first-century problem. It is a Genesis 3 problem: a problem of our fallen natures.
- To ask God for signs is to ask Him to meet our expectations. You don't do that to God. Sometimes, He stoops to our level and grants it. But don't let your world end when He won't, because He doesn't have to!

2. [vv. 39-40] THE SIGN OF THE GREATER JONAH.

- The sign of Jonah was God's resurrection of Jesus after His death and burial, foreshadowed by Jonah's 3 days in the fish. It was the climactic Divine authentication of Jesus as the Messiah and the Greater Jonah.
- The definitive, unshakeable sign of God's unfailing love for you is not a smooth life. It is a cross on a hill and an empty tomb.

3. [v. 41] SOMETHING GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE.

- The verdict of the Ninevites: someday, pagans who had almost nothing will condemn people who had almost everything. Because less repentance is happening before Jesus than before a prophet who didn't even want to be there.
- The greatness of the One Whom the sign points to: the resurrection is God's public declaration that Jesus is His Son, that His sacrifice has been accepted, and that death has been defeated.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "*There are only two ways of dying: in your sins, or in Jesus Christ.*" There is no third category. Making sure you belong to Christ is a matter of life and death! And if you count yourself a genuine Christ-follower, stop asking for signs. Look at the empty tomb. It proves you were loved, you are still loved, and you will always be loved. ■



Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

Ang Mas Dakilang Jonah

Matthew 12:38–41

Nakita na natin kay Jonah ang walang kapantay na grasya ng Diyos sa Kanyang pagligtas sa isang pasaway na propeta at sa mga hindi kumikilala sa Kanya na hentil (Jonah 1:16,17; 2:9; 3:5; 4:11). Ngayon naman makikita natin ang kawalan ng pananampalataya ng mga relihiyoso ng Israel; sa kanilang paghingi ng isang tanda mula sa tunay na Anak ng Diyos—ang higit na mas dakilang “Jonah.”

1. ANG HAMON KAY HESUS

- Ang tanda na hiniling, v. 38, 39a
 - Ito ay nagmula sa mga hindi naman naniniwala kay Hesus at nais lang Siyang subukin at pahiyain (Matthew 12:10,14; 22–24; 16:1; Luke 11:16).
 - Ito ay kasamaan at kawalan ng katapatan sa Diyos (Luke 11:29; Hosea 1:2). Ang paghingi ng “signs” ay marka ng mahinang pananampalataya (John 4:48; 2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - Isang pagpapala ang manampalataya kay Hesus kahit na walang “signs” (John 20:29). Ang pananampalataya kay Kristo ay kaloob ng Diyos, at hindi nangangailangan ng mga tanda (Ephesians 2:8–9).
- Ang tugon ni Hesus, v. 39b, 40
 - Ito ay isang kumpirmasyon na ang salaysay ni Jonah ay tunay na kasaysayan at hindi kathang isip. Ang “pagkabuhay na muli” ni Jonah ay patunay na ang kanyang mensahe ay galing sa Diyos. Kaya naman ito ay nagresulta sa kaligtasan ng Nineveh (Jonah 3:5, 10).
 - Ito rin ay isang “type” o propesiya ng darating na kamatayan at muling pagkabuhay ni Hesus (Matthew 17:22, 23). Ito ang pinaka-dakilang “sign” na ipinahayag ng mga Apostol, at ito ay nagresulta sa kaligtasan ng di-mabilang na mga makasalanang (Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

2. ANG HATOL NI HESUS (v. 41)

- Isang mas dakilang “Jonah” ang humarap sa kanila
 - Tunay na Mesias ng Diyos at hindi isang propeta lamang
 - Tunay na masunurin sa Diyos at hindi pasaway
 - Tunay na namatay at nabuhay muli
 - Tunay na may pag-ibig sa lahat
- Isang mas dakilang ebanghelyo ang dala Niya, na humingi din ng pagsisisi, ngunit nangako ng tiyak na kaligtasan (Matthew 4:17; John 3:16).
- Isang kapahamakan ang hindi maniwala sa Kanya na tumupad sa lahat ng sinabi sa Batas at mga propeta (Matthew 5:17; Luke 24:14).
- Ito ang sinapit ng mga punong relihiyoso sa kanilang pagtanggì kay Hesus na tunay na Anak ng Diyos. Sila ay kukutyain ng mga taga Nineveh na naniwala kay Jonah na isang marupok na propeta lamang.

Sapat na ang ginawa ni Hesus sa krus para sa ating kaligtasan, at ang tanda nito ay ang Kanyang pagkabuhay muli. Manalig na tayo sa mas dakilang “Jonah” at ipagkatiwala na sa Kanya ang ating mga buhay. ■



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STUDY GUIDE
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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
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.

Witnessing As A Way of Life: Evangelism Explosion Training

Starting
August 23
until
October 25
(10 Sundays)

2:45–5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Register now via
bit.ly/GCF-WWLSignUp

Legal Aid Drive: Free Legal Consultation

August 30
(Sunday)

12:00–5:00PM
Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Open to all

Membership Class

Starting
August 30
until
September 13
(3 Sundays)

12:00 NN – 2:30 PM
For Men: Room A303, 2nd Floor
For Women: Room B302, 3rd Floor
Register now via
gcf.link/Membership

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GCF Women's Conference 2026: One Thing

October 10
(Saturday)

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Auditorium B, 2nd Floor
Open to all women
Invite your friends and family
Register for free via
gcf.link/WomensCon

GCF Men's Conference 2026: Confronting a Corrupt Culture - Standing with God When the World Walks Away

October 10
(Saturday)

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Auditorium A, Mezzanine Floor
Open to all men
Invite your friends and family
Register for free via gcf.link/MensCon

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Share the One. Start with one.

Here at GCF, it is our utmost desire that all people would believe in Jesus Christ who is the One who saves. As His church, we are called to faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation so that all people may come to know the hope and life found in the One—Jesus Christ. The question is: *How?* Jesus commanded us to share the gospel with all people.

How do we do this? You can Start with one—with a family member, a friend, or a colleague.

Romans 10:14–15 says: *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? ... As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”*

How can people believe if they have not heard? We have a God-given opportunity to bring the gospel to others, and it starts with one.

We invite you to take a “Share the One, Start with one Bookmark”. You can write down the name of the person with whom you would like to share Jesus. Diligently pray for that person and for a God-given opportunity to share the gospel with them. Remember: we start the conversation, and we trust that God will bring about the conversion.

You can also join our evangelism efforts in reaching out to Ortigas through the Ortigas Community Outreach, happening every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. You may bring a friend who resides or works in Ortigas Center to the Ortigas Community Worship, every Wednesday at 6:30 until 7:30 PM.

If you want to be equipped to share the Gospel, we are offering a 10-week training program, “Witnessing as a Way of Life”, running from August 23 to October 25 at 2:45 PM – 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor.

Together, let us glorify God by Sharing the One—by starting with one. ■

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