

God has a Message for You: Jonah, Parts 2 and 3

Story #1 is about how God loves us and moves to bring us into real relationship with Him.

Story #2 is about how this is true even of the worst people on the planet.

- God is gracious and merciful.
- God is slow to anger and full of love.
- God doesn't want you to experience the disaster you are heading for.

Story #3 is about believers who miss these truths and as such, miss the purpose and joy of God.

- 1) We are talking about believers who know that God is mercy and grace and love and forgiveness and second chances because they have experienced Him in their own lives.
- 2) God is calling you to join Him in His purpose.
- 3) There is no place where you can run or hide from God. He is fully capable and willing to "hurl a violent storm" at you.
- 4) Don't mistake the apathy of selfishness for the peace of God.
- 5) God wants to use your good testimony for his purposes, BUT He is fully capable of using your bad testimony. He fulfills His purpose in spite of you, not because of you.

Are you missing the indescribable peace and joy of the Lord?

- Many believers miss the joy of the Lord because they are only obedient when God forces it upon them.
- Many believers miss the joy of the Lord because they refuse to see from God's point of view.
- Many believers miss the joy of the Lord because they think that they have rights.

God will call you again (and again) to join Him in His divine purposes.