SERMON NOTES

October 31 & November 1, 2026

The Story of Jonah and the Mercy of God: Chapter 3

Key Question: Am I showing up for God's mission for my life without his mercy?

1. God doesn't mind _____. **Jonah 3:1-3a**

2. God's mercy _____ my empathy.

3. _____ are easier to move than _____. **Jonah 3:3b-4**

4. God speaks mercy in any _____ and in any _____.

5. God's mercy moves _____. **Jonah 3:5-9**

6. Repentance is:

   a. _____ to the ways of God with a posture of _____.

   b. An act of _____.

   c. _____ of God's mercy.

7. God's mission always _____. **Romans 2:4**

8. The mercy of God keeps moving towards the people _____.

Jonah 3:10 | Psalm 145:8

Life Steps

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Monday **Jonah 3:1-2**

Reflect: Is there a place in your life where God has been "repeating Himself"? Reflect on a recurring nudge from God; maybe it's someone He's placed on your heart, an invitation to serve, or a step of faith you have been delaying. What are you going to do to finally act on God's nudge? Tell somebody and ask them to hold you accountable.
Prayer: Merciful God, I have been slow to listen and even slower to act. Forgive my slothful response to your invitation to grow and engage in your mission.

Tuesday **Jonah 3:1-4**

Reflect: Where are you showing up to God's mission without God's mercy? Evaluate your current spiritual habits – attending worship, giving, serving, doing your life step. Identify one area where you have just been going through the motions.
Prayer: Be still and quiet until your senses are heightened to the presence of God. Then ask God to renew your love and joy where you have just been going through the motions.

Wednesday **Jonah 3:1-8**

Reflect: Jonah had written off the people of Nineveh. Who have you stopped praying for or stopped believing God could reach? Maybe it's someone or a group that you find difficult, frustrating, or even offensive. Choose one or two individuals. Sometime today, send a text or write them a note of encouragement.
Prayer: God, soften my heart, reshape my perspective. Help me to see _____ the way you see them.

Thursday **Jonah 3:1-10**

Reflect: Like Jonah, identify someone who has wronged you, disagrees with you, or just feels hard to love. If God answered your prayers for them, would it look more like redemption or revenge?
Prayer: Write a short prayer asking God to bless that person's life with peace, healing, and hope.

Friday **Psalm 145:8-9**

Reflect: God's mercy moved even when Jonah didn't. What does this tell us about who God is? What does this tell us about the way God works through imperfect people?
Prayer: Merciful God, help me be more like you, slow to anger, rich in love, and compassionate to all you have given life.

Saturday **Ephesians 4:17-27**

Reflect: Jonah obeyed God, but he did it with clenched teeth. How do you relate to the idea that "actions are easier to move than attitudes"? (v. 23) How have you seen this show up in your own faith journey?
Prayer: Merciful God, I don't just want to do the right thing; I want to feel the right thing for others. Forgive me. Heal me. Use me. Before closing, pray for God to move in our Saturday night worship service.

Sunday **Psalm 145:1-21**

Reflect: Jonah was quick to anger and lacking in love. What are the lessons in Psalm 145 you can apply to the Ninevites in your life?
Prayer: Merciful God, I don't want to be someone who just carries your message of mercy; I want to reflect your mercy. Forgive me. Heal me. Use me. Before closing, pray for God to move in our Sunday morning worship services.