SERMON NOTES

November 7 & 8, 2026

The Story of Jonah and the Mercy of God: Chapter 4

1. Self-righteous people _____:

a. By _____ they need. **Jonah 4:1-4 | Exodus 34:6-7**

- Grace is God's _____ at Christ's _____.

- If grace stops flowing _____, it will eventually stop flowing _____.

b. By choosing _____. **Jonah 4:5-8**

- Comfort is _____; comfort _____ is the enemy.

c. By _____ of God. **Jonah 4:9-11**

- I can _____ of God but _____ of God.

- Is my anger _____?

2. Symptoms of a shrinking heart:

- When I move from _____ to _____.

- When I move from _____ to _____.

- When I move from _____ to _____.

Life Steps

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Monday — Jonah 4:1 | James 1:19-20

Reflect: Jonah was angry that God showed mercy to Nineveh. When have you struggled to celebrate God's grace in someone else's life? What might that reveal about your understanding of God's grace?
Prayer: God of mercy and grace, forgive me for resisting sharing what you have so generously given to me.

Tuesday — Jonah 4:1-4

Reflect: God asks Jonah, "Is your anger really helping you?" Get real honest; where is there a residue of anger lingering in you? Is your anger really helping you? What is your response to Ephesians 4:26?
Prayer: Compassionate God, forgive me for holding on to my anger and bitterness. Purge them both from my soul. Set me free from the prison of my own making.

Wednesday — Jonah 4:2 | Exodus 34:5-7a

Reflect: Jonah had correct theology but a resistant heart. What are some ways that we can know the Bible well but still miss the heart of God? Where might you have missed the heart of God?
Prayer: God of mercy and grace, thank you for being slow to anger and abounding in love. Soften my heart to be more like yours.

Thursday — Jonah 4:5-9

Reflect: God provides the plant, the worm, and the wind to teach Jonah. What might be the "plants" or "worms" or "wind" God is using in your life to shape your compassion and/or humility?
Prayer: God of unlimited compassion, use whatever you will to humble me so that my heart might be more like yours.

Friday — Jonah 4:9 | Exodus 33:19

Reflect: Jonah's personal comfort meant more to him than compassion. How have you experienced that same struggle in your own heart?
Prayer: Merciful God, you are a fountain of grace and a stream of ever-flowing mercy. Let both not just flow to me, but through me, especially with those who are broken and far from you.

Saturday — Jonah 4:1-11

Reflect: Of the symptoms of a shrinking heart – moving away from gratitude to entitlement, from confession to comparison, from participation to observation – which one do you most identify with right now? What is your key takeaway lesson from our study of the Book of Jonah?
Prayer: Big-hearted God, expand my shrinking heart to make room for those the world despises and you love. Pray for God to move in our Saturday night worship service.

Sunday — Psalm 9:1-2

Reflect: Think back upon this past week. What will you give thanks to God for when you worship him today? What has God done the past few days that will prompt your heart to sing the praises of his name?
Prayer: Holy God, thank you for your new morning mercies and a chance to bless others today as you have blessed me. Pray for God to connect one more to Jesus during our Sunday morning worship services.