

Series: "RELENTLESS"  
 Part 3: "RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE"  
 Crossroads Community Church  
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**Central Truth:**

A \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ response to God.

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."  
 Jonah 3:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."  
 Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh.  
 Jonah 3:3a (NIV)

**A missional response to the grace of a relentless God causes us to....**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."  
 Jonah 3:3-4 (NIV)

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<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted.  
 Psalm 138:3 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.  
 Acts 4:13 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

Jonah 3:5-9 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.  
 Jonah 3:10 (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>36</sup> "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.  
 Acts 13:36 (NIV)

**Ways to Respond Missionally to the Grace of God:**

- Confess to God and to one other person, the sin issue that is preventing God from using you for your purpose.
- Invite someone far from God to your church.
- Buy a coworker lunch and share your faith story with them.
- Share the Gospel message with one person this week.
- Commit to going on a mission trip in 2024.
- Ask to pray for someone who you see hurting this week.
- Actively pursue someone who can disciple you and help challenge you to live out your purpose.
- Offer to disciple someone else for the purpose of helping them to live out their purpose.

**Sermon Notes:**

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