

Level Up Series Part 4

Sermon Notes: GRACE RESETS — BUT REQUIRES

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Grace Resets You—But Grace Also Requires Something Of You

Source:

Key Truth; Jonah wanted God's grace for himself, but he didn't want God's grace for Nineveh.

We love grace when it covers us.

We celebrate grace when it forgives us.

But we often resist grace when it requires something from us.

The same grace that saves you is the same grace that shapes you.

Grace Is Free To Receive, But Costly To Steward

Salvation is free. **But:** Calling carries responsibility. — Leadership carries responsibility.

Influence carries responsibility. — Authority carries responsibility.

Every promotion in Scripture carries accountability.

1. GRACE GIVES OPPORTUNITY — BUT OBEDIENCE DETERMINES DESTINY

Jonah 1:1-3

- God called Jonah to Nineveh, but Jonah ran from the assignment.
- Grace doesn't remove responsibility—it increases it.
- Jonah didn't reject God—He rejected God's assignment.

Luke 12:48

Jonah 1:12

Matthew 16:24-25

Jesus said: Deny yourself. - Take up your cross. - Follow Me.

2. GOD'S FAVOR DOESN'T EXEMPT YOU FROM CONSEQUENCES

Favor opens doors, but obedience keeps you on course.

- Favor is an opportunity.
- Obedience is a choice.
- Consequences are the reality of disobedience.

Galatians 6:7

Jonah 1:2-6

Titus 2:11-12

Jonah 1:15-17

- Grace forgives rebellion—but grace does not endorse rebellion.
- The storm wasn't proof God abandoned Jonah. The storm was proof God still cared enough to chase him.

- The storm stopped Jonah's rebellion. — The fish developed Jonah's obedience.
- Sometimes God sends a storm to get us out of danger, then puts us in the fish to get the danger out of us.**

3. GRACE RESTORES PURPOSE — BUT PURPOSE REQUIRES CHARACTER

Jonah 3:1-3

- The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.
- Jonah obeyed. — Nineveh repented. — Revival came.
- But Jonah still had a heart problem.

Jonah 4:1-3

Key Truth

- The storm wasn't the problem.
- The fish wasn't the problem.
- Nineveh wasn't the problem.
- Jonah's heart was the problem.

Because Jonah's biggest problem was Jonah.

With great grace comes greater accountability.

The more God entrusts to you, the more accountable you become.

Zechariah 3:3-7 — Joshua received clean garments by grace.

Then God said: **"If you will walk in My ways..."**

Grace changed Joshua's standing.—But obedience determined what God could trust him with.

"Grace gave Joshua a place, but character determined whether he could keep it."

CLOSING THOUGHT

Grace is God's power to become what He called you to be.

Salvation is free.— But carrying God's purpose requires:

Repentance - Obedience - Character - Responsibility

Grace doesn't just get you out of the storm.

Grace turns you into the person who can survive the next level.