



WHEN WE'D RATHER BE RIGHT THAN SEE SOMEONE RESTORED

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THE HARD-HITTING TRUTH

If we'd rather see somebody punished than restored, we may know what God said without knowing the heart of the God who said it.

1 WE CAN SPEAK GOD'S WORD WITHOUT SHARING GOD'S HEART

Jonah preached the right message, but his heart wanted the wrong outcome. Truth is meant to call sinners home, not give believers a weapon to punish them.

PERSONAL CHECK:

Do I want this person to be restored, or do I only want to be proven right about them?

2 BITTERNESS MAKES RESTORATION FEEL LIKE INJUSTICE

Nineveh deserved judgment - but so did Jonah, and so do we. Grace feels beautiful when it reaches us and unfair when it reaches someone who hurt us.

REMEMBER:

Jesus didn't excuse our sin. He paid for it. The mercy we received is the mercy we must be willing to celebrate in others.

ADDITIONAL NOTES



3 SOMETIMES THE PERSON OUTSIDE NEEDS REVIVAL TOO

Jonah sat outside Nineveh angry while mercy moved inside the city. In Luke 15, the older brother stood outside the celebration. We can be near the Father's house and still be far from the Father's heart.

HEART QUESTION:

When someone returns to God, can I celebrate - or does resentment keep me standing outside?

4 GOD CARES MORE ABOUT RESTORATION THAN OUR REPUTATION

Jonah cared about how he looked. God cared about people who were perishing. Galatians 6 calls spiritual believers to restore the fallen gently - not expose, crush, or permanently label them.

MY HEART CHECK

- ☐ Is there someone whose failure has become satisfying to me?
- ☐ Have I decided someone can't change?
- ☐ Would I rejoice if God restored the person who hurt me?

KEY SCRIPTURES

Jonah 4:1-11 | Luke 15:25-32 | Galatians 6:1-10

MY RESPONSE TO GOD

What bitterness, resentment, or demand to be proven right do I need to surrender today?
