

JONAH ON HIS BACKSIDE

(or When We Lack Divine Perspective)

Central Idea: *God's love and grace are demonstrated through His patience in dealing with us.*

🌀 **Overview**

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Jonah's disobedience	Jonah's distress	Jonah's declaration	
God's discipline	God's forgiveness	God's compassion	
"I won't go"	"I will go"	"I'm here"	
God's mercy on Jonah		God's mercy on Nineveh	
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🌀 **God Listens (4.1-4)**

🌀 **God Instructs (4.9-11)**

Questions for Personal Reflection of Group Discussion

1. Read Jonah 4 in a Bible paraphrase like the Living Bible or in a very readable translation like the NLT or NIV. What stands out to you most?
2. Why do you think Jonah was angry when God spared Nineveh?
3. Have you ever been disappointed because God showed grace or mercy to someone you thought didn't deserve it?
4. What does Jonah's prayer in verses 2–3 reveal about his heart?
5. Why was Jonah more concerned about a plant than about 120,000 people?
6. What does this chapter teach us about God's heart toward people who are far from Him?
7. What does Jonah 4 teach us about the difference between justice, mercy, and grace?
8. Where might God be challenging you to have greater compassion?

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *Jonah on His Backside* is the fourth of four messages in a series on the Old Testament book of Jonah. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org.



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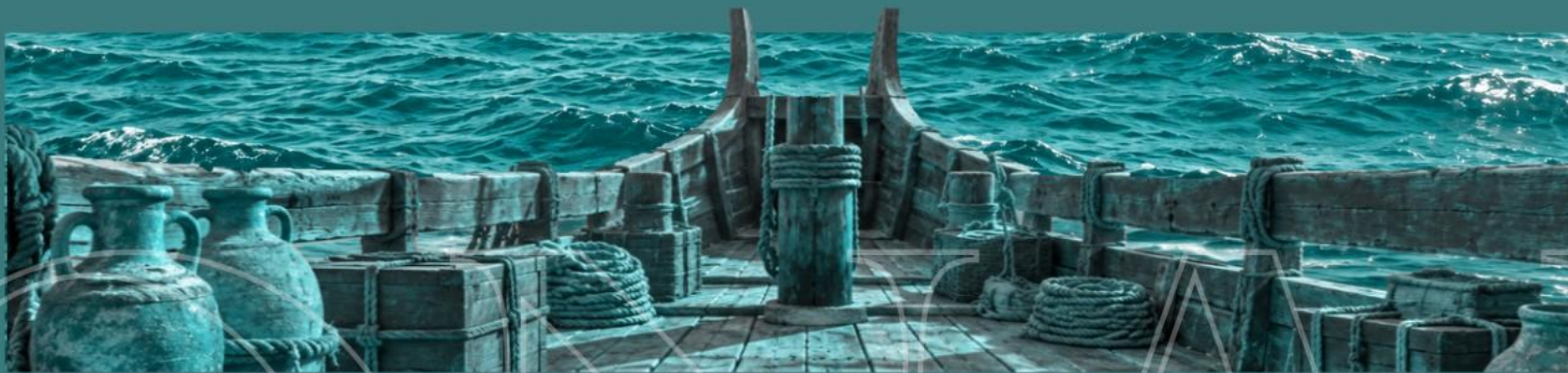
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God Comforts (4.5-8)

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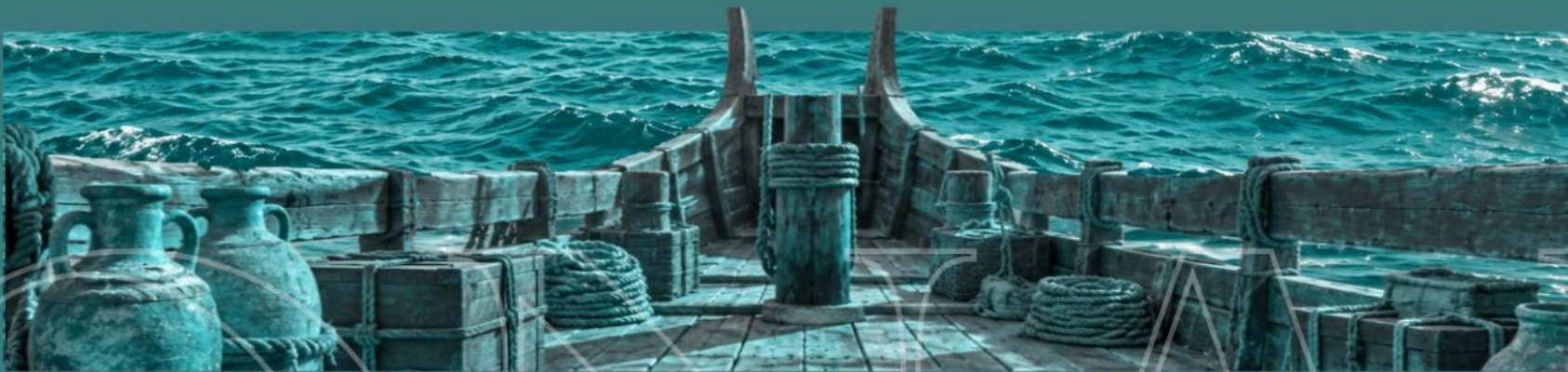


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The book of Jonah should cause us to ...

- Be thankful God is patient.
- Reflect on our own hearts and wonder at the heart of God.
- Pray, asking God to work in the hearts and minds of those who do not yet know Him.