

JONAH 4

AN ANGRY PROPHET DISCOVERING THE
DEPTHES OF GOD'S GRACE



FAMILY MINISTRY AT ODPC

OUR VISION:

- HOW CAN OCEAN DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROVIDE A PLACE FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN (BIRTH THROUGH 12TH GRADE) TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT PARENTS WHO WANT TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

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CONSISTS OF 3 BRANCHES:

- **ODPC KIDS:** BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE CHILDREN
- **ACCESS YOUTH:** YOUTH IN GRADES 6TH-12TH
- **PARENT MINISTRY:** PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH (BIRTH THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

ODPC KIDS

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15AM SERVICE
- WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM (NIC@NITE)
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CURRENTLY SERVING:

- A TOTAL OF OVER 100 CHILDREN EACH SEMESTER
- AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF 55
- AVERAGE NIC@NITE ATTENDANCE OF 35

ACCESS YOUTH

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30AM
- WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM (ACCESS YOUTH)
- FELLOWSHIP OUTINGS

CURRENTLY SERVING:

- A TOTAL OF OVER 100 YOUTH EACH SEMESTER
- AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF 17
- AVERAGE WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE OF 57

PARENT MINISTRY

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10:30AM
 - *CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE*
 - *SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERED FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE*

FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY GATHERINGS:

- SEPTEMBER FAMILY PICNIC
- THANKSGIVING DINNER
- CHRISTMAS / ADVENT GATHERING
- EASTER CELEBRATION
- END OF SCHOOL YEAR CARNIVAL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- MONTHLY CASUAL OUTINGS

HE [JESUS] CAME AND PREACHED
PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR
AWAY AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO
WERE NEAR. FOR THROUGH HIM
WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS TO THE
FATHER BY ONE SPIRIT.

EPHESIANS 2:17-18

“BEWARE THAT, WHEN FIGHTING MONSTERS, YOU YOURSELF DO NOT BECOME A MONSTER... FOR WHEN YOU GAZE LONG INTO THE ABYSS. THE ABYSS GAZES ALSO INTO YOU.”

FRIEDRICH W. NIETZSCHE

WE, LIKE JONAH, TOO OFTEN
WANT THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE
CHRISTIAN FAITH OR HAVE SIN IN
THEIR LIVES TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S
JUDGMENT AND WRATH INSTEAD
OF EXPERIENCING HIS GRACE AND
MERCY.

BUT TO JONAH THIS SEEMED VERY
WRONG, AND HE BECAME ANGRY. HE
PRAYED TO THE LORD, "ISN'T THIS
WHAT I SAID, LORD, WHEN I WAS STILL
AT HOME? THAT IS WHAT I TRIED TO
FORESTALL BY FLEEING TO TARSHISH.

JONAH 4:1-3

I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A GRACIOUS
AND COMPASSIONATE GOD, SLOW TO
ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVE, A
GOD WHO RELENTS FROM SENDING
CALAMITY. NOW, LORD, TAKE AWAY MY
LIFE, FOR IT IS BETTER FOR ME TO DIE
THAN TO LIVE.

JONAH 4:1-3

HOW WE SHARE IN JONAH'S ANGER:

*DEEP DOWN WE BELIEVE NOT
ALL SINNERS DESERVE GOD'S
GRACE.*

HOW WE SHARE IN JONAH'S ANGER:

*WE MISUNDERSTAND GOD'S
WORD TO BE A WEAPON,*

*NOT THE HEALING AGENT IT WAS
DESIGNED TO BE.*

JONAH HAD GONE OUT AND SAT DOWN AT A PLACE EAST OF THE CITY. THERE HE MADE HIMSELF A SHELTER, SAT IN ITS SHADE AND WAITED TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE CITY. THEN THE LORD GOD PROVIDED A LEAFY PLANT AND MADE IT GROW UP OVER JONAH TO GIVE SHADE FOR HIS HEAD TO EASE HIS DISCOMFORT, AND JONAH WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE PLANT.

JONAH 4:5-11

BUT AT DAWN THE NEXT DAY GOD PROVIDED A WORM, WHICH CHEWED THE PLANT SO THAT IT WITHERED. WHEN THE SUN ROSE, GOD PROVIDED A SCORCHING EAST WIND, AND THE SUN BLAZED ON JONAH'S HEAD SO THAT HE GREW FAINT. HE WANTED TO DIE, AND SAID, "IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO DIE THAN TO LIVE."

JONAH 4:5-11

BUT GOD SAID TO JONAH, “IS IT RIGHT FOR
YOU TO BE ANGRY ABOUT THE PLANT?”

“IT IS,” HE SAID. “AND I’M SO ANGRY I WISH I
WERE DEAD.”

JONAH 4:5-11

BUT THE LORD SAID, "YOU HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PLANT, THOUGH YOU DID NOT TEND IT OR MAKE IT GROW. IT SPRANG UP OVERNIGHT AND DIED OVERNIGHT. AND **SHOULD I NOT HAVE CONCERN** FOR THE GREAT CITY OF NINEVEH, IN WHICH THERE ARE MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO CANNOT TELL THEIR RIGHT HAND FROM THEIR LEFT—AND ALSO MANY ANIMALS?"

JONAH 4:5-11

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.

JOHN 3:16-17

THE HEART OF MINISTRY

WE ARE CALLED TO MINISTER TO PEOPLE WHO
WERE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.

- NOT AGAINST SINS OR IDEOLOGIES
- NOT AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS

BUT TO PEOPLE, BROKEN PEOPLE LIKE US

- WHO NEED THE SEE THE GRACE OF GOD IN THEIR DARKNESS
- MOTIVATED BY THE GRACE GOD HAS BESTOWED UPON US IN OUR OWN DARKNESS.

REMEMBER NOT TO CONSIDER
MEN'S EVIL INTENTION BUT TO
LOOK UPON THE IMAGE OF GOD
IN THEM, WHICH CANCELS AND
EFFACES THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS,
AND WITH ITS BEAUTY AND
DIGNITY ALLURES US TO LOVE AND
EMBRACE THEM."

JOHN CALVIN

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