

The God of Patience and Mercy
Jonah 3:1-10
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Matthew 12:38-42

- Jonah's time within a beast prophetically pointed to Christ's resurrection.
- Sometimes a calling/ministry opportunity is only specific to one person.
- Results should never affect the motivation to proclaim the word and ways of God to the lost.
- True repentance starts with godly sorrow, then moves toward ceasing from wickedness, and is finalized by obedience and actively calling upon God's name.

God acted in total consistency with His word: The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it (Jeremiah 18:7-8). Jonah's preaching was like all warnings of judgment: it was an invitation to repent and avert the promised judgment. His words had an implied "if you do not repent" in front of them. –David Guzik

- Don't hold your tongue; speak up and speak the truth or your _____ will be shipwrecked.

Discussion Questions

- a. What Jonah-like aspects do you see within yourself? What can you do to rid yourself of being like Jonah?
- b. Was there ever a time when someone spoke the truth to you and caused you to realize you were either wrong and/or sinful? How did you respond?
- c. You may not sit in sackcloth, but what do you do when you repent before the Lord?
- d. Has there ever been a time where you did not speak or withheld biblical truth from another person?