

GOD'S MERCY AND OUR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

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THE MESSINESS OF SANCTIFICATION

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Oftentimes, change will occur in our life; we'll see some movement forward, be encouraged, and then it seems like we take a major step backwards. On the surface, it seems to undo whatever good had occurred. But this is a legalistic way of seeing our lives. Change happens in odd stages and times. Real change happens, but real sin remains. As people of faith, we have to keep our eyes on the fruit that is growing that gives us hope of things to come.

Jonah is a walking contradiction. This should be an odd comfort, but also a sobering wake up call.

His prayer shows the marks of what we might call spiritual infantile regression. Just as in natural life, the approach of a crisis, or the weight of a burden seems to force some people back into childish and inappropriate forms of behavior for mature adults, the same can happen in the spiritual realm. - **Sinclair Ferguson**

AN OVER-REALIZED, SELF-RIGHTEOUS SENSE OF JUSTICE

Jonah begins to explain himself to God. The fact that he does this shows that there is still something that he is not really repented of. There is still more to uncover. Sometimes, we really do grow, but when faced with certain circumstances, sin still has a way of floating to the top.

Luke 15.11-32

Resentment is a common and special temptation reserved for people who serve God well.

- Colin Smith

THE PRODIGAL GOD

Jonah was so resentful towards God's grace that he wanted to give up, but God would not give up on him. "Prodigal" means "wasteful." And God shows His incredible love towards us by being "prodigal" in His giving of mercy and grace.

**If God did not love us how He does,
He'd let us run and hide with no discomfort.
But He makes our running and hiding uncomfortable and awkward.
Because He loves us.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our kids' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security.

Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM** here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Jonah 3:10-4:11**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Pastor Jobey explained on Sunday that our sanctification is not a linear process. Can you think of a time where real change happened in your life, yet sin remained in that same category? _____

Read **2 Corinthians 3:18**, and **Isaiah 28:10**. What do these passages teach you about growth and sanctification? _____

Do you ever discredit God for the things he has done because of the sin that you still deal with? _____

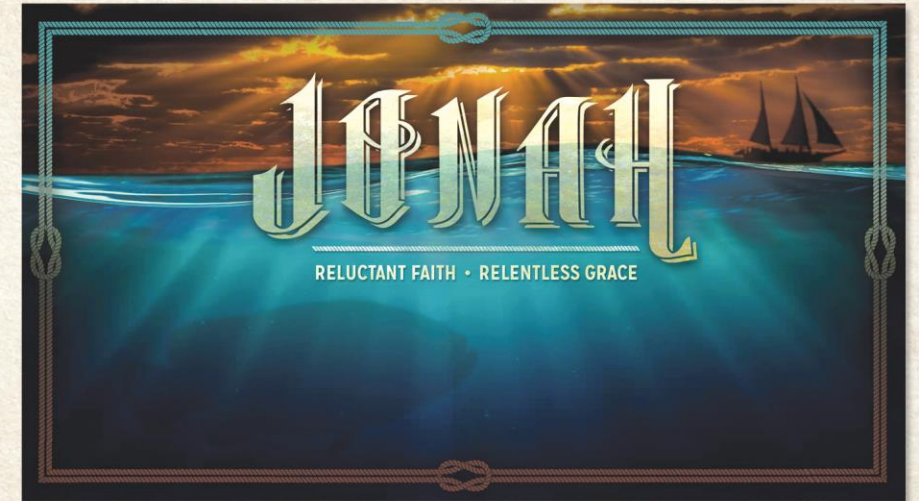
Think about ways in which a mature believer might act spiritually childish. What can cause us to act like this? What are some ways we can put childish ways behind us? _____

Read **Luke 15:11-32**. When we serve God well and then we see others "get off easy" in their sin, our self-righteousness rises. How was Jonah like the brother of the prodigal son? How have you been like the brother of the prodigal son? _____

How did you see Jesus glorified in this week's text? How are you in awe of Jesus more now after reading this text? _____

Were you convicted about sin in anyway after reading this week's text? _____

Take some time in your group to admit and confess any resentment or self-righteousness that you may have in your heart. Pray for and encourage one another as you do so.



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