



# OBEY GOD, FULFILL YOUR MISSION

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to go out and make the Good News known to all (Matthew 28:19-20). Jonah's story serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of obedience and compassion in fulfilling this calling. Just like Jonah, we may sometimes hesitate or resist sharing the message of God's love with those around us, especially those we might consider different or distant from our own beliefs. However, God's desire is for all people to come to know Him and experience His love.

## JONAH'S DISOBEDIENCE AND FLIGHT

Jonah was a prophet chosen by God to deliver His message to the great city of Nineveh, known for its wickedness and cruelty. Instead of obeying God's command, Jonah tried to escape from God's presence and went in the opposite direction towards Tarshish (Jonah 1:1-3). Despite Jonah's initial reluctance, God's sovereignty prevailed. In the midst of a raging storm at sea, Jonah confessed his disobedience to the sailors on the ship. Through God's intervention, the sailors witnessed His power and turned to fear the one true God (Jonah 1:10, 15-16). In the belly of a great fish, Jonah finally prayed to God, showing a glimmer of repentance and acknowledgment of God's power to save even in the most desperate situations (Jonah 2:1-2). God's grace saved Jonah even when he hardly desired to be saved, highlighting God's unending love and compassion for His children.

## GOD'S GRACIOUS SECOND CHANCE

In His mercy, God gave Jonah a second chance and commanded him again to go to Nineveh (Jonah 3:1-4). This time, Jonah obeyed and proclaimed God's warning of judgment to the city. To everyone's astonishment, the entire city, from the common people to the king, responded with repentance and turned to God (Jonah 3:5-6). Despite witnessing Nineveh's repentance,

Jonah's heart was unsettled (Jonah 4:1-3). He lacked compassion for those he considered unworthy or different from his own people. God used a plant to teach Jonah a lesson about compassion, reminding him of the value of all human lives (Jonah 4:10-11). Just as God showed compassion on the people of Nineveh, so should we extend compassion to those who do not yet know Him, even those we might see as undeserving or distant from Him (Jonah 4:1-3, 10-11).

## EMBRACING OUR CALLING: FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

The story of Jonah challenges us to examine our hearts and embrace our calling as God's missionaries. We are entrusted with the task of being ambassadors of Christ, spreading His message of hope and redemption to those who need it most (2 Corinthians 5:20). Our mission field includes our own families, colleagues, and friends, as well as people from different cultures and nations. The gospel of Jesus is too important not to share. Jesus Himself instructed us to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses, and we should be passionate about telling others what He has done in our lives (Acts 1:8). The day will come when a great multitude will stand before God's throne, and we should earnestly desire to bring others with us on that day (Revelation 7:9-11).

With changed hearts and compassionate spirits, let us be faithful in living out our calling as God's missionaries to our family, our workplace, our friends, and the rest of the world. May we obey God from the heart to fulfill our mission, embracing the same compassion that God has for all people, regardless of their backgrounds or past actions. The Gospel is true, and we need to take it seriously. Let us be a witness for Jesus and bring others to know Him (Matthew 24:14).

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands

REVELATION 7:9

## DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What part of the story of Jonah do you relate to most? Why?

On a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the highest), how would you rate your compassion for others who don't know Jesus? Share why you rated yourself in that way.

What practical steps will you take this week to begin fulfilling your mission? Some examples might be: sharing the Gospel with a friend, signing up to pray for Beyond, going on a short-term mission trip, beginning a discipleship group, etc.

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# It's CCF's 39th Anniversary! God is truly faithful!

Visit us at the Welcome Center and let's talk about His faithfulness!

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### WOMAN OF WORTH: Saved, Set Free, Sanctified

with Nina Cruz-Kuy

August 10, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### DIAL JESUS:

#### Understanding the Principle of Prayer

August 11, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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#### UNITED:

#### A NXTGEN Series on 1 Corinthians

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It's never too early or too late to learn or unlearn.



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## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### JOIN A GLC TRAINING TODAY!

#### GLC Level 2 — Face to Face

August 6, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

Book 6: Basic Doctrines, Session 1

#### GLC Level 2 — Zoom Cycle 1

Book 6: Basic Doctrines, Session 1

August 10, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### GLC Level 3 Lead — Zoom Cycle 1

Module 4: Spiritual Warfare

August 17, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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Classes starts September 3

Book 1: One by One

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

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August 12, CCF Center

LIMITED SLOTS ONLY

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*

## CCF SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE AT THE MPH 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE MAIN AUDITORIUM 10:00 AM (English), 3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE LIVESTREAMS 10:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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