



Jonah: Patient Love | Jonah 2:10-4:4

1. Why do you think God gave Jonah a second chance instead of replacing him with another prophet?
2. In what ways do you see yourself in Jonah's "half-hearted obedience"? Can you recall a time when you obeyed outwardly but resisted inwardly? What was driving that disconnect?
3. Why do you think God cares about our hearts and not just our actions? How does 1 John 4:19 speak to that?
4. What stands out to you about Nineveh's response to Jonah's five-word sermon? How does this passage challenge our assumptions about who can repent and be forgiven?
5. Jonah wanted fire from heaven, but God gave forgiveness from heaven. When have you caught yourself wishing God would punish someone else's sin while forgetting His patience with your own? How does this story highlight the "scandal of grace"?
6. Jonah wasn't angry because God was unjust—he was angry because God was too loving. Why is God's mercy sometimes offensive to us? Have you ever struggled to accept God's forgiveness for someone who hurt you deeply? What does Jonah's story reveal about that struggle?
7. God's question to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry?", is gentle and patient. How might hearing that same question from God reshape our response to bitterness or resentment?
8. How does Jesus stand in contrast to Jonah in this story? (Think about His mission, His heart, His sacrifice.)
9. For prayer and reflection: Where are you tempted right now to offer "obedience without love"? Who in your life are you struggling to show patience or compassion toward? How does God's patient love toward you reshape that? What's one concrete way this week you can reflect God's patient love to someone who doesn't "deserve" it in your eyes?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

