

The Jonah Syndrome: Being a "Fishy" Follower of Jesus
A Repentant City: What Are You Doing God?
Jonah 3:1-10 (page 645)

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God's m e r c y makes a *difference* in m e (Jonah 3:1-3a)

- God c o n t i n u e s to s p e a k to me
(v 1; Heb 1:2; 3:7-8, 15; Matt 28:18-20)
- God's m e t h o d for reaching people is *always* by p r o c l a m a t i o n of His Word
(v 2; Rom 10:14-17; 1 Cor 1:17-18)
 - God's will and purpose does n o t c h a n g e
(Jas 1:17; Isa 46:10-11; Luke 19:10)
 - God takes His commands to us s e r i o u s l y
(John 14:15; 1 Sam 13:13-14)

**God's m e r c y makes a *difference* in o t h e r s
(Jonah 3:3b-10)**

- I need God's p e r s p e c t i v e to engage in God's p l a n s
(v 3b; Rom 12:2; 2 Pet 3:9)
- God's message requires my f u l l involvement
(v 4; 2 Cor 4:1-7; 1 Thess 1:4-10)
 - "40 days" = a time of t e s t i n g or j u d g m e n t
(Gen 7:4,12; Num 13:25; Deut 9:9,11,18; 1 Sam 17:16;
Matt 4:2, Lk 4:2)
- It is the *power* of God's Word that brings c h a n g e, not m e
(vs 5-9; Heb 4:12-13; 2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - *Authentic* repentance results in f a i t h and a c t i o n
(vs 5-6; Jas 3:14-26)
 - God's mercy knows no p a r t i a l i t y
(v 5, 7-9; 1 Pet 1:17)
- God's mercy *delights* to do the i m p o s s i b l e in turning people to H i m s e l f
(v 10; Acts 2:14-42; 8:4-8,14; 10:1-48; 13:48-49)
 - God does m i r a c l e s as I o b e y His will (vv 10)