

# sermonnotes

## Jonah: A Story About God



The book of Jonah is certainly a story about a man who struggled with obedience, but it's also a story of our God who relentlessly \_\_\_\_\_ us.

"A false view of God leads to sin and corruption—and many times cruelty and great human tragedy. On the other hand, a proper understanding of God leads to a life of blessing for oneself and many generations to follow." (Dr. Bill Bright)

### God in Pursuit

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and He wants no one to perish. (*Jonah 1:2*)
  - God created man so that we might live in relationship with Him and enjoy His love both now and for eternity.

*John 3:16*  
*2 Peter 3:9*

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and performs the supernatural to capture our attention. (*Jonah 1:4, 17*)

- God performs miracles not for His benefit but for our benefit. God reveals His power so that we might know Him and trust Him.

*Jeremiah 32:17–19*

3. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and gives us second chances. (*Jonah 3:1–3*)
  - The good news is that with God it is not three strikes and you are out. His grace to us rescues, restores, and gives restarts.

*Luke 15:11–23*

4. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and longs to forgive and restore the repentant. (*Jonah 3:5–10*)
  - Because of God's mercy we don't get what we deserve. We have the privilege of trading judgement for forgiveness and death for life.

*Ephesians 2:4–5*

**Answers:** pursues; love; all-powerful; gracious; merciful



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