

Jonah -- Scandalous Mercy

July 21 – August 30

Week 1: Jonah 1 — Called & Running

July 21: Read Jonah 1:1–17 (whole chapter)

Memorize: Jonah 1:3 — “But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish.”

- July 22: Jonah 1:1–3 — God’s call and Jonah’s flight
- July 23: Jonah 1:4–6 — God pursues with the storm
- July 24: Jonah 1:7–10 — The sailors’ fear and casting lots
- July 25: Jonah 1:11–14 — Jonah confesses and accepts sacrifice
- July 26: Jonah 1:15–17 — God calms the sea; Jonah in the fish
- July 27: Psalm 107:23–32 — God calms storms and rescues those who call

Week 2: Jonah 2 — Prayer from the Depths

July 28: Read Jonah 2:1–10 (whole chapter)

Memorize: Jonah 2:2 — “In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.”

- July 29: Jonah 2:1–5 — Prayer from the belly of the fish
- July 30: Jonah 2:6–7 — The depths and God’s faithfulness
- July 31: Jonah 2:8–10 — Deliverance and new life
- August 1: Psalm 130 — Waiting and hoping for God’s mercy
- August 2: Reflect on personal prayers in “deep places”
- August 3: Journal: Where is God meeting you in hardship?
- August 4: Reflect on God’s faithfulness in trials

Week 3: Jonah 3 — Repentance & Renewal

August 5: Read Jonah 3:1–10 (whole chapter)

Memorize: Jonah 3:10 — “When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”

- August 6: Jonah 3:1–5 — Jonah’s obedience; Nineveh’s response
- August 7: Jonah 3:6–7 — The king’s call to repentance
- August 8: Jonah 3:8–10 — God’s mercy on repentant Nineveh

- August 9: Luke 15:11–32 — The Prodigal Son's return and mercy
- August 10: Psalm 51 — A repentant heart
- August 11: Reflect on God's invitation to repentance today
- August 12: Journal: How has repentance shaped your faith?

Week 4: Jonah 4 — Anger, Compassion, & Grace

August 13: Read Jonah 4:1–11 (whole chapter)

Memorize: Jonah 4:2 — "I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love..."

- August 14: Jonah 4:1–4 — Jonah's anger and God's question
- August 15: Jonah 4:5–6 — The vine's shade as a lesson in compassion
- August 16: Jonah 4:7–8 — The worm and the scorching wind
- August 17: Jonah 4:9–11 — God's concern for Nineveh
- August 18: John 19:16–30 — The crucifixion: mercy and sacrifice
- August 19: Psalm 22 — Lament and trust amid suffering
- August 20: Reflect on grace that challenges and transforms

Week 5: Reflection, Mercy, & Transformation

August 21: Reread Jonah 1–4 in one sitting

Memorize: Jonah 4:11 — "Should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh...?"

Week 5: Reflection, Mercy, & Transformation (Aug 22–30)

Aug 22:

What surprises you about God's mercy in Jonah?

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4–5 — "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Aug 23:

How does Jonah's story challenge your ideas of justice?

Scripture: Micah 6:8 — "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Aug 24:

Where have you experienced God's patience and compassion?

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22–23 — "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Aug 25:

How can the Prodigal Son story deepen your understanding of God's love?

Scripture: Luke 15:20–24 — (The father runs to welcome the returning son.)

Aug 26:

Reflect on Jesus' crucifixion as the ultimate mercy gift.

Scripture: Romans 5:8 — "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Aug 27:

Praise for God's mercy and steadfast love.

Scripture: Psalm 103:8-12 — "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love..."

Aug 28:

Journal or pray about living God's mercy daily.

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-13 — "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another..."

Aug 29:

Commit: How will you embody scandalous mercy in your community?

Scripture: Matthew 5:7 — "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Aug 30:

Closing prayer: Embrace God's call to love beyond limits.

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-8 — "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."