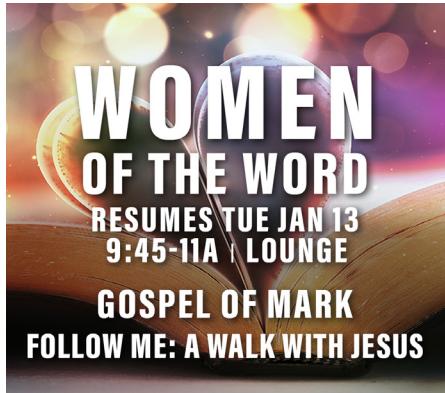


# Connect with Grace

Special events, ongoing programs, Connect Card, and more can be found on our website: [yakimagrace.com](http://yakimagrace.com) or on the Yakima Grace App.



We are back on Tuesdays! All women are invited to attend and bring a friend. WOW is about fellowship, Bible Study, and connection to God and Grace of Christ.



Host a Koinonia lunch at church! We need hosts on Jan 26, Feb 18, and Feb 23. Follow the QR code above to volunteer!



Scan the QR code to RSVP for lite meal and learn about this poignant service as we begin the season of Lent.



Sign up and stay up-to-date on all the events happening at Grace! View our calendars: [yakimagrace.com/events](http://yakimagrace.com/events)



## New to QR Codes? Give it a try!

1. Open the camera on your smartphone.
2. Point at the QR Code and hold your phone steady so the code fits on the screen.
3. Tap the message or link that appears to open. You will be directed to the website.
4. You do NOT need to take a picture or download an app.



## Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - January 18, 2026



## WELCOME TO GRACE!

This year we're going to discover how the "Embassy" of God's people takes life throughout the Bible as we consider how Grace of Christ can be an Embassy of the Kingdom of God, and can even lead the way in becoming the future of what church can look like going forward.

Last week we saw how Jonah went down in many ways as he ran from God's call to be an ambassador, and how that was related to his wish that God was the kind of God that liked sacrifices and making deals.

This week we're going to look at how Jonah is disciplined, his response, and how we can distinguish between discipline and oppression.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am - Contemporary Worship

9:15am - Kids & Youth dismissed to their classes

11am - Traditional Worship - Choir & Organ

## CONNECT WITH US

9 S. 8th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902 | 509.248.7940 | [YakimaGrace.com](http://YakimaGrace.com)

Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

# Portraits of Ambassadors: Jonah Disciplined

**Scriptures:** Luke 8:22-25, Jonah 1:17-2:10

## Outline

**Introduction:** Chaos Monsters and Big Fears

**Foundation 1:** God is Sovereign over Creation

**Foundation 2:** Discipline is not for Punishment but Growth

**Foundation 3:** Jonah's Repentance is Israel's Repentance

**Implication:** Distinguishing Discipline from Oppression

**Application:** Where do we need to repent, and where do we need liberation?

## Study Questions

1. The sea and its megafauna were to the Jewish mind, symbols of chaos, of the uncontrollable, the ultra-wild. Yet though other people groups saw these as "monsters" of "chaos" that the gods of civilization have to wage war against. But in the Bible they are God's creatures. How have you understood God's sovereignty in relation to creation?
2. Jonah was disciplined for his disobedience. What's the difference between punishment and discipline?
3. The shape of Jonah's repentance is, like the speeches of many in the Bible, a person speaking for a whole people. What do you make of the collectivity that the Bible presents in a world focused so much on individuals? How do individual behaviors fit into a larger collectivity?

## Implications: So What?

4. The story of Jonah like that of the whole Old Testament wrestles with God in terms of the justifiability of their suffering. How could we distinguish between what God is inflicting or even using as discipline for growth, and what is the power of evil and darkness that inflicts suffering for its benefit?

## Applications: Now What?

5. Where do you need to repent and grow in maturity? Where do you need to recognize that you are suffering injustice and refuse to bear responsibility for the evil of others?
6. And how does this question apply also to our church community? What have we done that needs repentance? What injustices have been suffered?

## Prayer

Let us pray that God would help us discern and give us counsel from others to discern where we are responsible for needing to grow and change, and where we reject the influence of evil. We can also pray that God would transform us, like Jonah (and Israel) to be a people who can shoulder the burden of being lights in the midst of darkness.

# UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH CLOSED - JANUARY 19

The church will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday, Jan 19.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

To better serve afternoon guests, the Main Office of the church will now be open from 8:30am to 3pm on Tue, Wed & Thur. It will also be open with volunteer support Mondays from 9a to noon. The main office will be closed on Fridays, with phones going to voicemail.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY - FINAL SUNDAY IN GARDEN ROOM

Stop by the Garden Room TODAY and have your picture taken for the directory. You can also text or email a selfie or a family photo with the spelling of your name(s) and the phone number you want printed in the directory to [pic@yakimagrace.com](mailto:pic@yakimagrace.com).

## LIBRARY REORGANIZATION - HELP WANTED!

Do you have small boxes for packing books? Bring them to the office! We also need a few people to deliver them to thrift stores. Let us know on your Connect Card if you can help.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANN FRALEY

We pray for the family of Ann Fraley who passed away in December. Her memorial service will be Saturday, Jan 31 at 11am in the Sanctuary.

## WEDNESDAY YOUTH IS IN THE GYM | 6-8:15PM | SNACKS & FUN ACTIVITIES!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

### CHILDCARE

Available for ages 3 months to 6 years. Open today from 8:30a-12:30p across from the main office. Please sign in at the Grace Kids Check In table.

### GRACE KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 Years to 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade | 9:15am | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor:  
PS & K Rm 203 | 1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup> Rm 209 | 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> Rm 211  
Before heading in to worship, stop by the Garden Room to check-in your child and grab your security nametag. Children are dismissed from service around 9:15.

### YOUTH SUNDAY CLUBS

GRADES 6-12 | Youth rooms open at 9a for community time. Teens can start in worship or head downstairs right away.

### YAKIMA GRACE APP

VIEW the church calendar

WATCH Sunday services

SIGN-UP for events

SUBMIT your Connect Card

GIVE Online

APPLE STORE



GOOGLE PLAY



OR

### WAYS TO GIVE

Drop your offering in the offering plate or the secure box after the service

Click on "Give" in the Yakima Grace App

Give safely on our website:

Scan the QR or go to [yakimagrace.com/give](http://yakimagrace.com/give)

