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## Chapter 24: FISH FOOD AND THE FOURTH OF JULY Jonah

### The Question for Us...

Is it possible for \_\_\_\_\_ in our own nation to keep us from being a part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in all nations?

### What We Learn About God...

- His sovereign control...
  - Over \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Over \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God's people cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God's pursuit.
- His merciful compassion...
  - Toward sinful \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Toward selfish \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God's capacity to \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than our capacity to \_\_\_\_\_.
- His global concern...
  - He loves \_\_\_\_\_ people...
  - For the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ peoples.
  - The global purpose of God has always faced resistance from the \_\_\_\_\_ people of God.

### What We Learn About Jonah...

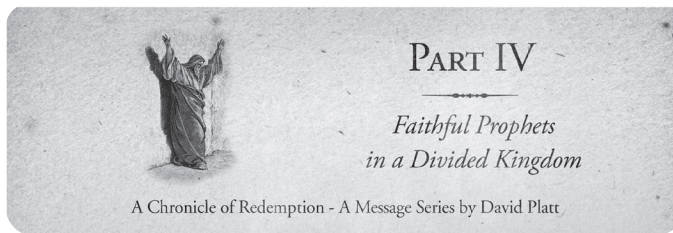
- He wanted his \_\_\_\_\_ more than he wanted God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- He desired the \_\_\_\_\_ of his nation more than he desired the \_\_\_\_\_ in other nations.
- He knew the character of God in his \_\_\_\_\_, but he ignored the compassion of God in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was more concerned about his own empty \_\_\_\_\_ than he was about others' eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- He failed to connect the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in his life with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the world.

### What We Learn About Jesus...

- The contrasts:
  - The selfishness of Jonah...
    - He \_\_\_\_\_ preaches to sinners in need of God's grace.
    - He goes to the \_\_\_\_\_ filled with his enemies.
    - As a result, people in Nineveh are temporarily \_\_\_\_\_ from the judgment of God.
  - The selflessness of Jesus...
    - He \_\_\_\_\_ pursues sinners in need of God's grace.
    - He goes to the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of his enemies.
    - As a result, people in all nations can be eternally \_\_\_\_\_ from the wrath of God.
- The comparisons:
  - A miraculous rescue...
    - Jonah: He was alive after three days in a \_\_\_\_\_!
    - Jesus: He is alive after three days in the \_\_\_\_\_!
  - A message of repentance...
    - Jonah: "Repent, for the judgment of God is \_\_\_\_\_."
    - Jesus: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is \_\_\_\_\_."
  - A merciful response:
    - Jonah: Salvation for the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Jesus: Salvation for the \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Challenge for Us...

- Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to the Great Commission, no matter what that means.
- Let's live for the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ to all nations more than we long to be safe, secure, and satisfied in our own nation.
- Let's ask God to fill our heads with His truth from the \_\_\_\_\_ and our hearts with His love for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let's forsake comforts, cares, and concerns in this world for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ in the world to come.
- Let's use the grace of God in us for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God around us...
  - In the great \_\_\_\_\_ of Birmingham.
  - Amidst the great \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations.



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### The Question for Us...

Is it possible for **pride** in our own nation to keep us from being a part of God's **purpose** in all nations?

### What We Learn About God...

- His sovereign control...
  - Over **nature**.
  - Over **nations**.
  - God's people cannot **outrun** God's pursuit.
- His merciful compassion...
  - Toward sinful **pagans**.
  - Toward selfish **prophets**.
  - God's capacity to **forgive** is greater than our capacity to **sin**.
- His global concern...
  - He loves **His** people...
  - For the sake of **all** peoples.
  - The global purpose of God has always faced resistance from the **nationalistic** people of God.

### What We Learn About Jonah...

- He wanted his **way** more than he wanted God's **will**.
- He desired the **good** of his nation more than he desired the **gospel** in other nations.
- He knew the character of God in his **head**, but he ignored the compassion of God in his **heart**.
- He was more concerned about his own empty **desires** than he was about others' eternal **destinies**.
- He failed to connect the **mercy** of God in his life with the **mission** of God in the world.

### What We Learn About Jesus...

- The contrasts:
  - The selfishness of Jonah...
    - He **reluctantly** preaches to sinners in need of God's grace.
    - He goes to the **city** filled with his enemies.
    - As a result, people in Nineveh are temporarily **spared** from the judgment of God.
  - The selflessness of Jesus...
    - He **relentlessly** pursues sinners in need of God's grace.
    - He goes to the **cross** for the sake of his enemies.
    - As a result, people in all nations can be eternally **saved** from the wrath of God.
- The comparisons:
  - A miraculous rescue...
    - Jonah: He was alive after three days in a **fish**!
    - Jesus: He is alive after three days in the **grave**!
  - A message of repentance...
    - Jonah: "Repent, for the judgment of God is **coming**."
    - Jesus: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is **near**."
  - A merciful response:
    - Jonah: Salvation for the **Ninevites**.
    - Jesus: Salvation for the **nations**.

### The Challenge for Us...

- Let's **surrender** our lives to the Great Commission, no matter what that means.
- Let's live for the gospel to **spread** to all nations more than we long to be safe, secure, and satisfied in our own nation.
- Let's ask God to fill our heads with His truth from the **Word** and our hearts with His love for the **world**.
- Let's forsake comforts, cares, and concerns in this world for the sake of **souls** in the world to come.
- Let's use the grace of God in us for the **glory** of God around us...
  - In the great **city** of Birmingham.
  - Amidst the great **needs** of the nations.