

**God Sovereignty Means His Will is Done     January 10, 2021**

**Scripture: Jonah**

**I. God \_\_\_\_\_ and Jonah says no. Jonah 1:1-6**

**1. God gets his attention.**

**II. God still has \_\_\_\_\_ for Jonah.**

**Jonah 1:15-17; Matthew 12 :40**

**1. Jonah surrendered and accepted the Lord's will. 2:7-10**

**III. Jonah took advantage of a \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_. 3: (1-4)**

**IV. Jonah \_\_\_\_\_ because the city is**

**saved. Jonah 4:1-11**

**1. God teaches us that he desires to show compassion to all people. (5-11)**

**V. The \_\_\_\_\_ between**

**God and Jonah as an individual.**

**1. God's response was to *stay with* His runaway. God disciplined Jonah, but only to bring the straying prophet back into renewed fellowship with Him.**

**2. And God's concern was focused not on Jonah's behavior, but on his values and attitudes – his inner character. Rom. 8:28-29**

**Thought for the Day** Once again our nation had another trying week. Another peaceful demonstration turned violent. News media's bias reporting leading the country to be divided creating us against them mentality. Tony Evans made a great comment; "*America's problem needs to be solved in the church house and not the white house.*" God once told Solomon in **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**<sup>13</sup> If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; <sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. My people today can be translated as the church. I know we have been praying for the end of the pandemic, the end of racial tension, and protection for natural disasters such as hurricanes and forest fires. Our prayers must go deeper than just asking God to fix things. We must truly seek his face, meaning strive to understand his will and ask how we can help. We must look inside and ask is there anything in me that is part of the problem. As a church we must ask how can we get out the one truth that defeats hatred, Jesus died on the cross to give us all eternal life because he loves us. He offers salvation to whosoever will call upon the Lord. He empowers us to love one another. That love tears down the walls of division between men. Jonah was so consumed with hate that he was totally out of fellowship with God. Our focus needs to be on Jesus, not allowing the events of the day to consume our minds. If we don't, we will become the people the media says we are. Remember *greater is He that is in me than he that is in the World*. **Pastor Bruce**

## What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

### **Junior Disciples: AM Church Service**

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue in our "identity" root by talking about Temptation and what we should do when we are tempted. Sometimes, no matter how hard we try, we do things we know won't end well for us. Temptation lures us into situations we'd be better off avoiding. This lesson focuses on how Jesus encountered temptation just like we do. Because he was tempted, he knows what it's like for us to face temptation. He can help us reject it, too.

### **Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM**

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### **Chorus**

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

#### **Chorus**

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

**Living Hope**