



## Restorative Hope

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## Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: (Jonah 1:1)

.....in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet.... (2 Kings 14:25)

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The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: *"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

(Jonah 1:1-2)





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Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

(Jonah 1:17)



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Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

(Jonah 3:3-5)



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O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Fanny Crosby



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*But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."*

(Jonah 4:1-3)



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"We are God's chosen few, all others  
will be damned.  
There is no place in heaven for you, we  
can't have heaven crammed."

Jonathon Swift, Irish Poet and Satirist



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for those who persecute you, that you may  
be children of your Father in heaven.'

(Matthew 5:43-45)



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'The way the world is supposed to know  
what God is like is by looking at the  
people of God.'

John Mark Comer



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May the God of hope fill you with all  
joy and peace in believing, so that by  
the power of the Holy Spirit you may  
abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



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**Who are your enemies?  
Identify them.**



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**Pray for chance to show  
restorative hope**



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**Show compassion, grace  
and love to yourself**



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*But to \_\_\_\_\_ this (grace, mercy and hope) \_\_\_\_\_  
seemed very wrong, and they became angry.*

*OR*

There was a person named \_\_\_\_\_ who  
extended grace and mercy to \_\_\_\_\_, despite  
\_\_\_\_\_, and played a role in their  
restoration.