Growth Assignment

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Jonah - When God Grants Me Another Chance - Part 1

God granted Jonah another chance to obey Him. This was Jonah's opportunity to overcome his bias, prejudice, and nationalist attitudes. However, Jonah does not appear to wholehearted commit himself to God's plan... his actions lack authenticity. Eventually, God does exactly what Jonah did not want Him to do...be merciful to the people of Nineveh.

Are we any different than Jonah?

Do we obey God outwardly, but lack a genuine desire to comply?

Do we resent God when He shows mercy to people who have offended or hurt us?

Read about people who did wrong, but God granted them another opportunity:

Jacob: Lies / Deception (Genesis 25 - 36) Moses: Murder (Exodus 1 - 14)

Rahab: Sexual promiscuity (Joshua 1 - 6) Samson: Pride/Arrogance (Judges 13 - 16)

David: Adultery / Murder (2 Samuel 5 - 12) Zacchaeus: Dishonest (Luke 19: 1 - 10)

1. Create a list of bible verses that support the belief that God forgives us our of sins / rebellion / disobedience.

The Bible CLEARLY teaches us what our attitude should be toward those who we naturally do not like or even consider to be our enemies.

2. Read the following passages and let the Holy Spirit speak to you concerning your attitude.

Proverbs 25: 21 & 22; Luke 6: 27 - 35; Luke 10: 29 - 37; Matthew 5: 41 - 48;

Romans 12: 14 – 21