

Old Testament Survey

Jonah



When you just don't want to

Main Point

Our purpose in life, is a purposeful relationship with Christ



Recap

- ❑ Series “When you just don’t want to”
- ❑ God calls Jonah to Nineveh
- ❑ Jonah runs away on a ship
- ❑ Jonah is thrown into the ocean and rescued by a fish
- ❑ From inside the fish Jonah prays



Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” 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 3:1-3 NIV



God's Purpose: Jonah Goes

- ❑ God calls again
- ❑ God wants Jonah to go
- ❑ Nineveh is important to God
- ❑ Jonah needs to take God's call seriously





Take God's Call

- ❑ Answer the “God” phone
 - ❑ Make sure you can hear it
 - ❑ Even if you don't recognize the number
 - ❑ Don't let it go to voicemail



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 3:1-4-5 NIV



God's Purpose: Nineveh Knows The Truth

- ❑ Jonah proclaims Nineveh will be “overthrown”
- ❑ People believe and respond
- ❑ Everyone understood what was at stake



**You can't handle the
truth!!**



Respond To God's Call

- ❑ Live out what God calls us to do
- ❑ You can be nervous or have questions
- ❑ Our response isn't to run
- ❑ You're never alone when you respond to God's call



When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink

Jonah 3:1-6-7 NIV



But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

Jonah 3:1-8-9 NIV



God's Purpose: Nineveh Repents

- ❑ **Jonah's message reaches the King**
- ❑ **The King humbles himself**
- ❑ **Everyone is to turn from evil ways**



*"Don't look back, you're not
going that way"*



Turn Around

- ❑ We are to repent - turn around
- ❑ Confess to God
- ❑ God back to God
- ❑ Perfect your imperfection



When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 3:10 NIV



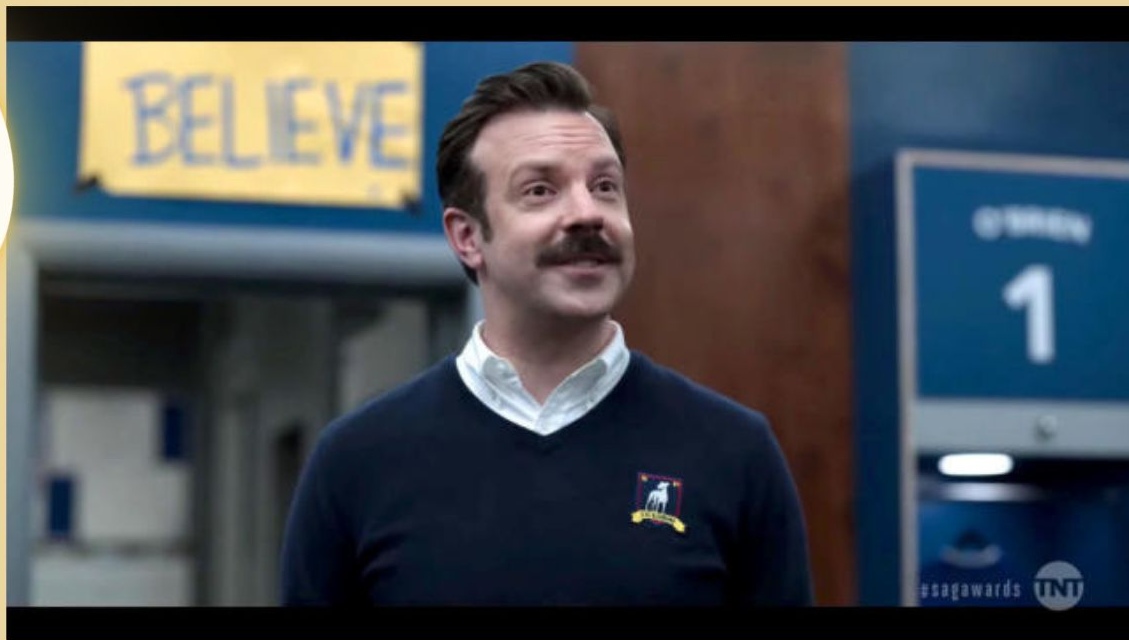
God's Purpose - Forgiveness

- ❑ God is forgiving, loving, and compassionate
- ❑ People repented, so God relented
- ❑ Nineveh changed course, so God forgave



“Taking on a challenge is a lot like riding a horse isn’t it? If you’re comfortable while you’re doing it, you’re probably doing it wrong.”

TED LASSO



Accept God's Forgiveness

- ❑ If we confess and repent God will forgive
- ❑ Trust that God will do that
- ❑ His forgiveness is unlimited



Wrap Up

- ❑ Take God's call
- ❑ Respond to God's call
- ❑ Turn from what God doesn't like
- ❑ Accept His forgiveness
- ❑ Have a purposeful relationship with God



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Transcript

So what do you use your cell phone for the most? Mine I like mine. I likes many of you. Texting is probably the big one in some social media apps, but we think back cell phones were originally designed for a purpose, and they were designed initially for the purpose that our dear friend Mark just said to make and receive phone calls to not be. Tied to a landline on April 3rd, 1973, a man named Martin Cooper, who worked for Motorola. Called from the streets of Manhattan from the first cell phone he developed, he said it was the size of a brick. And you know who he called? He called the competitors that were also trying to develop his cell phone and said I did it. It was now like what is now known would be the 8th company owned by what is now AT&T. But he called him now. It took a while after this before. They picked up on a landline. They have a cell phone yet. Because Mr. Cooper was ahead of him, right? So he called him and his brick. And it takes a while before cell phones were available on the general market to general people. Now it's estimated 97% of Americans own a cell phone of some kind. But what Martin Cooper says now is, like, we shouldn't lose sight of what technology is for. It's for what it's about. It's supposed to improve. The human experience to make people's lives better and the cell phone was so that we could communicate and talk to people while not being glued to. A landline talk to each other more easily, right? That was the original purpose. Now, like many of us, we get caught up in all the other bells and whistles that our phones do. I'll be honest, my phone right now is functioning as our streaming service right now, so my phone now taking calls. It's streaming our service. That's what it's doing, but we want to get back to that original purpose and we're going to talk about. Purpose today. Our purpose as people, because like phones, we can get caught up in the bells and whistles of our own life and forget our purpose. I'm going to tell you right away your purpose is not your job. It's not your status. It's not your social media handle, but it's this our purpose in life is a purposeful relationship with Christ. Our purpose in life. Is a purposeful relationship with Christ. It'll be up here. There it goes. It's coming. So today we're going to remember your purpose, and again, it has to do with our relationship with God. Today we'll look at chapter three of Jonah and we'll see in each piece of this chapter what God's purpose was, and then how we can be reminded of our purposeful relationship with God. We're in week three of four of our Jonas series, so we're going to wrap it up next week. You haven't been with us or you need a refresher. Here we go. Jonah is a prophet. He was called by God in chapter one. He was supposed to go to Nineveh, which was a place where there was a lot of evil and bad things happening. God says go. Tell him what's up. Tell him I see this and it's not OK. Jonah is like, I don't want to do that. So Jonah tries to go in the complete opposite. Direction on a ship. Massive Storm comes, the ship is rocking. The sailors finally realize we got to throw Jonah overboard to save ourselves. Jonah is then swallowed by the big fish, and as we learned last week, the fish was there to save Jonah, sent by God to save him while in the belly of said fish. Jonah offers this incredible prayer of Thanksgiving. He's thankful to God for saving him, and then at the very end last week, the fish spits Jonah out. On the land, he's alive and new lease on life and that's where we're going to pick it up today with Jonah Chapter 3. You can follow along. It'll be right up here behind me. If you want to do it that way. Also in the Bibles on your table, they are bookmarked to get you right to where we are. So Jonah, chapter 3. We're going to do it

in four sections. Today, we're going to start with just a verses one through 3, so. Here we go. It says then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. Go to the great city of Ninevah and proclaim to it the message. I give you. Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Ninevah. Now Ninevah was a very large city and it took three days to go through it. We'll stop there. God calls again. This is almost an identical calling to chapter one. Just the word of the Lord came to Jonah. We don't see this happen a lot in the Bible. We don't hear about a second call too often. So what it's showing here is that God really wants Jonah to be the one to go. We don't know specifically why. Like that is like Jonah, you are the 1:00 to go. So Jonah, he's got this new lease on life right after the storm. He gets another chance. And I'm not so convinced that Jonah is, like, jumping up and down, ready to go. Still like none of us still this same difficult, terrible city that's been going on. But Jonas got to go this time, and he knows it, so he does go and it says nine of us, a great city. This probably means is for some reason to God this is important or great, or it's an impactful city. God wants to do something here. And he's got a God-given message that's important here. This isn't Jonah's message, but God directly telling Jonah, you need to go and proclaim. This says it takes about 3 days to go. Go through one of the views on what that would mean is that for Jonah to get through proclaiming his message throughout Ninevah, it would take three days. That's all where he would stop, so he might stop at different gates, the city center, different places where he would stop to spread the message, take about 3 days to get through. But God's purpose here in both calls chapter one and now in Chapter 3. Is for Jonah to hear him and actually take his call. Now I don't know about you, but maybe some of you if you're like. It throws you off when your phone actually rings. OK, my phone doesn't actually ring that often in the month of May I looked this up this week. I was fascinated. It's May 14th. Yeah, 14th. I've received 10 phone calls in the month of May. I answered two of them in the moment that I figured out. One was my wife. I remember what the other one was. But I only picked up twice and the rest I let just ring through the voicemail. Because I'm convinced they're spam, or I don't recognize the number or something like that. They even tell you spam alert a lot of the. Or maybe if I knew the number I was like, I don't have time for that right now. I don't want to take this. Just going to let it go so it throws me off that my phone rings, which again as Mark and Martin Cooper would tell us, that's the original purpose. Of the phone. But it rings. We have to take God's call when God's call. We have to pick up answer that God phone first time, second time, third time doesn't matter. When you feel a call from God, when you think you hear a call from God, do you pick up? Because they have a personal and a purposeful relationship with God, we have to hear him. We have to pick up when he calls. We can't have any relationship. We don't communicate. In first Samuel 3, there's a story of Samuel, who's Young is being mentored by a guy named Eli, and Samuel sleeping at night and he hears somebody calling and he gets up and he goes and runs to Eli. It's like here I am, Ellis. Like, it's not me. Go back to bed. And this happens multiple times until finally Eli realizes. That's God calling you. So next time you hear it, answer him, Samuel answered. Every time. We need to answer every time, hear it, block out any other noise so that you actually hear him. Right. It's hard to block out the other noise of life we need to so that we can hear him now. When we think we hear a call or we get God calling on us, there can be a couple different ways this can happen and one might be like that number. We don't recognize either. We're not sure it's God or we're kind of like. I know what he's saying, and that's not for me. I don't want that right now. That's that's not my thing. But give yourself a chance. Pick it up. Listen to God. Give yourself a chance to learn to grow and transform. Even if you're not sure. Then the times when we do know the. We know it's God. We know what he's. Going to ask for. What it's going to take? But can I just pretend I didn't see it? I just let it ring through the voicemail back. Oh, missed that one. Just go with the little number one at the bottom of the phone. I want to be interrupted. Maybe everything is going great,

right? It's like I'm on my phone, one of the times this week when my phone actually rang. I was on my phone in the middle of probably a super hilarious text to Ryan. And the phone rings. What did I do? I finished the Super hilarious text of Ryan. I didn't pick up the phone. Because I don't want to, but it's strong. I'm sure it was really funny. Ryan probably gave me an lol after it was that funny? Right. Or think about it, you're doing something important. You have something great going on, and then your neighbor calls and. Needs help. Do we answer when God calls? We shouldn't treat people that way and let it go to voicemail. We shouldn't treat God that way because our purpose is to have this purposeful relationship with God, and we can't do that. If we ignore him. So here that call pick up the phone. That's part one. Let's keep going and Jonah and see what happens versus 4 through 5. Just a couple verses, Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming 40 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 a sackcloth stop right there. So Jonah goes into the city and he starts proclaiming right away. Now Jonah isn't the same as a missionary, OK? John is a prophet, so he's not giving this like super great message of hope and and be saved by God. Like we might think of a missionary, he's a prophet saying this is what's going to happen 40 days, Nineveh will be overthrown. It's not a super cheering message, but that's what his. Job is now. This is a very concise description of what Jonah says here in the Bible he was probably, I would think a little better at speaking than that, but the the author of Jonah just says this is it. You're going to be overthrown. Now, not overthrown here, if we as I studied it and went into it, not necessarily destroyed, but completely turned around and changed, none of it needs something different to go on here. That's what? That's what God. 'S saying is it was going to be overthrown in a sense of it's going. To be a. Completely different place and the people actually seem to respond. Immediately, right. The news spreads through. Out Nova and they kind of like, OK, this strikes a nerve or hits them like we got to do something. And as the history would show us, Nineveh and Assyria, we're under some pressure. Pressure from northern neighbors, so maybe they're thinking, OK, this is all coming together. We're under pressure here. This is going to. Happen this is bad. So they believed what Jonah said. Now, even if they're not believers in God and they have a message from a prophet. These cultures and these traditions would have ways to kind of confirm it, which they probably did. They were. They were omens, things from animal science, things like that. But the people in Nineveh went through whatever they needed to and believed what Jonah said. They trusted that this was going to happen. That they would be overthrown, so they proclaim a a fast and they put on a sack cloth. A sackcloth would be a thick kind of coat, usually of coarse coarse goat hair, very uncomfortable to wear. It's the idea is to it be a rejection of earthly comforts and pleasure. So not. The pleasant thing, the point is they needed to understand what was at stake here. That something big was happening. God's purpose here. The people needed to know the truth. Probably my all time favorite movie is the movie. A few good men who've seen it, few good men, few. Of you, right, that's fine. That's OK. You should watch it if you haven't, because it's great. But at the end of the movie, there's a famous courtroom scene and some of the main characters are Tom Cruise, who's a lawyer, Jack Nicholson, who's a high-ranking military official, and in the end, yeah, we have it here. So Tom Cruise is is the attorney and he's thundering away Jack Nicholson on the stand and he says. You know, on the stand he's like, do you want answers? And Tom Cruise is like, I think I'm entitled to him. And Jack Nicholson, do you want answers? And famously, Tom Cruise, I want the truth biggest line of the movie. Jack Nicholson says you can't handle the truth and then he goes into this super long monologue about what happened. But the point is the lawyer Tom Cruise needs the truth to come out because the court, the judge, the jury needs to know the truth and it has to be Jack Nicholson's character. That says it. So Tom Cruise made that happen in the movie. Well, Jonah, in our

story, by responding to God, got Ninevah. The truth? It had to be Jonah and Ninevah needed to know it happened because Jonah responded to God's call. That's what we need to do. We need to respond to God's call. In our life, whether it's big. Or small part of our relationship with God is living out what he has called us to do. Now you might think, OK, how do I do that? If I hear this call, I get it and I'm just. I'm scared of it. I'm nervous. I'm not sure I want to do it. I think that response is OK, we're just not supposed to run like Jonah does. We may not be super excited about a call that God puts on our lives. I'll share one right here. When Julian Ryan first came to Stacy and I about planting this church. I was not jumping up and down excited about it right away, right out of the four of us. I was the one opposed to it. I actually started out by praying. Can we not do this? Said God, can this this not be it? I was scared of it. Alright, I was terrified to start a church. I'm like I could do something else, right? I'm like, I'm going to look for another job for a while, and if I find something else, that's a good sign that we're not supposed to do this. Ryan, one of my best friends, actively prayed I would not find another job. Clearly, Ryan's prayers were a little better than. Mine, but here we are and I love it. I listen. I love pastoring this church and being here. But I was scared of it. I was nervous. I didn't want to do it at first because it sounded nuts. And here we are. But my reaction? It's OK. It's OK to be nervous about it, and that's why I tell you it's OK to be scared or very unsure. Hear about it, but respond by going to God about it, talking to him about it. Just be like, OK, this terrifies me. How am I going to do this? What's happening but still respond directly? To God about. That regardless of how you feel about it, we're just not supposed to run like Jonah. We're not supposed to avoid the call that God puts on our lives. And I've heard people say to, well, have a good relationship with God. I'm really happy with where I am and this call. He's putting me that just seems so different and not me. But you still get to be you, even when God calls you to something. If God calls you to do something, he'll use the you that he created to do it. He'll use your personality and your passions to help you do it. Now he's gonna help you grow and stretch you as we're doing it. But were still the people he created. And then remember this, and this is probably one of the biggest ones when God's call is like, ohh scarier I'm not sure is that it's always always a team effort because we always have God. John, 15-5, says I'm the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit apart from me, you can do nothing. You'll bear fruit, you. Will accomplish what God has set out for you to do with God at your side. It's not a lone wolf venture. God's always by our side when we live out Our Calling that he's put on our lives, so respond directly to God. No matter what you're feeling at all. Just respond to God directly, respectfully, honestly, but come to God about it. But you love the call or not. So we got to hear the call and respond the call, respond to the call. Let's keep going and Jonah, see what happens next year. This is going to be versus 6 through 9 of Chapter 3. When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne and took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued to Ninevah by the decree of the King and his nobles. Do not let people or animals herds or flocks taste anything, do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent, and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish. So news eventually reaches. King it probably just spread to him. We have no evidence that Jonah actually had an audience with the king, but I really like how it describes the King's actions. He's up probably on his big kingly throne and he gets down off this place of authority and status and he takes off the Super cushy. Awesome, probably brightly colored. Kingly robe. And he puts on the horribly uncomfortable and painful sackcloth. And he sits in the dust. He completely turns his style around himself around and sits down and humbles himself before God when this is going on and he sits there with his advisors and they issue

this royal decree that everyone be covered in sackcloth, and we're going to fast. It even mentions the animals. Apparently this is not out of the ordinary. They would have the animals. Passed with them in sackcloth as. And he says, call on God pray. Right now, fervent prayer, immediate prayer. Get on your knees and pray. Turn from your evil ways. And when he says turn from your evil. Ways evil would be anything condemned by the law or that moral conscience would say you shouldn't do. These people may not have had. A super high. Level of moral conscience. They were kind of a we've taken over other lands. We're better than them. We just. They just don't matter, don't care. But he's saying no, even that has to come back around. This is bigger and more important than anything, because the King's like only radical transformation and completely turning around might be. What saves us? And then he hopes he's like, hopefully, hopefully God responds and doesn't bring in this honest God doesn't have to. He's under no obligation to not carry this. But the king is like everybody, repent. Turn away, leave the past behind you. That was God's purpose in this part. When we announced going back to kind of the the Church planning store, we, we announced that we were doing this, my brother-in-law who's also a pastor, he's a pastor in Indiana now. He sent me a quote and there'll be a slide with it. It coming up here, there is. It says don't look back. You're not going that way. And this is kind of attributed right? It don't look back, you're not? Going that way. And I was like, huh, I like. That just like whatever it is that's behind you. Whatever's come before. Don't dwell on it. You're moving forward. Go towards that. Right. We'll remember the past. We're not ignoring it, but we're not dwelling on it because we're going a different direction. He sent me that as an encouragement of like, you're going forward with this. And again, just to say, I love pastoring this church, even I don't want to do it right away. OK, I'd love it here because God's like this is what you're supposed to do. And then he told all of us you're going forward with this. Focus on what's forward. Turn around. From what was there and go forward? That's what we. Need to do where we wanna go is towards God. We have to work towards him and move towards him to have a purposeful relationships. Right. So in the first couple sections here, this was kind of God's call to us, right? It was God down towards us. We heard his call. We responded to his call. Now it's going to be a little bit more of us. Towards him, we're going to repent. Turn from what we've done and work back towards him. Ninevah needed to turn from their evil ways the things that they weren't doing that were doing that God didn't like. That's the same thing God wants from us. I talk about repentance a lot around Good Friday. I did it this year and I often say repentance isn't just a stop sign. It's a U-turn. We're actually turning around and going back towards God. We're not just stopping, but we're going towards something. So we. Need to repent. And I I was thinking about it this week. I'm actually pretty good. I think at repenting of the big stuff. Actually, the big screw ups and the big mistakes because like whoa, there is no way God didn't see me do that, couldn't hide that at all. Not a chance, right. Or that was a huge mistake. Definitely got. To repent to that one. But the small stuff is a little bit. Maybe when the patience goes, we don't treat people well or the language gets a little coarser. Or for me, I'll be honest when I get super competitive, I'm not always the most great representative of God. OK, so these little things that we may not think about are the ways we need to repent. There's laughter because a couple of people know what I'm like when I get competitive, Chris and Ryan. Like basketball with me last year. OK, but this is these are the little things that it's that God so. Wants us to repent of. And the first part, I think of repentance is confession. Admitting we screwed up first. John 19. If we confess our sins, he's faithful and just will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Confess our sins. Admit that what we did was wrong between you and God, and this strengthens our relationship with God. By admitting this, you might have a guilty feeling, or the conscience is getting at you. But confess it to God. And the second part is actually working back towards God, leaving that action, that behavior, that habit

behind you and going towards God. Now here's the thing with that. We may leave something behind us. And still slip up again and screw up in that same way. That does not negate the fact that you repented and confessed it to God. God knows your heart. He knows that you're trying. God doesn't expect us to be perfect. But I think we can try to perfect our imperfection, and here's what I mean. I don't mean get perfect at screwing up. OK, that's not the way we're supposed to go. Let's get really good at when we do screw up what we're supposed to be and supposed to do. Let's get really good at confessing to God and working back towards him and honestly, genuinely leaving the behavior, the sins, the struggles behind us and going towards God that's trying to perfect that imperfection because we are imperfect and God knows that. He's fine with that. But he just wants us to work back towards him and constantly grow that relationship with him. And then after we start moving towards him, it's accepting the forgiveness that God has given us, and that's going to be the last part. Today Jonah three verse. 10 says this. When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. God is a forgiving. Loving and compassionate. God, the people repented. God relented. And now, prophetic judgments are saying, well, did just randomly change his mind? No, he didn't. And Jeremiah 18-7 and eight, says if at any time I announced that a nation or Kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. That's what happens here. The people of Nineveh, repent, they move away from their evil ways. So God. God relents. He'd rather they work towards him. God doesn't want to bring bad things there. God doesn't want to overthrow the city in some way. He would rather this Nineveh changed course and God. Forgave them. God Forgives. I'm going to share with you a quote from one of my favorite TV shows, Ted Lasso on Apple. Plus, I love the show. Apparently was into quotes this week I used one last time, but here's a Ted Lasso quote. He is this guy. If you don't know the show he's supposed to be a guy from Kansas and American football coach who gets a job coaching in English Premier League soccer team. It's up my alley. I'm a big soccer fan, but a lot of the show is full of these little like one line quips and quotes he's got, and here's one. He says taking on a challenge is a lot like riding a horse, isn't it? If you're comfortable while you're doing it, you're probably doing it wrong. And I thought about that. I was like.

OK.

Because the challenge isn't comfortable, that's what he's getting at. Taking out a challenge should always be comfortable, and the first time you get on a horse I haven't actually ridden a horse, but I'm assuming it's not super comfortable. And I was thinking about that. I was like, wow, accepting forgiveness isn't all that different because one, it's a challenge. To accept forgiveness for many, I think it is. We have to accept that we've done something wrong. Right. If we're accepting somebody's forgiveness, it's gonna make us uncomfortable because we accept that we did something wrong for somebody. We know that we maybe hurt somebody and that they need that they're offering us forgiveness. That's hard for me to reconcile my own brain to be like, wow, I hurt somebody to the point that they need to forgive me. I don't like knowing that I hurt somebody. And to accept forgiveness, we have to realize that that person, or whoever it is, isn't holding it over us, that's what forgiveness says. They're not holding it over our heads, even though we might deserve that. We have that forgiveness from God for whatever we've done. Our relationship with God is possible because of the fact that Christ died on the cross paying for our sins. Because of that, God Forgives us of what we've. We have to accept that. It's believing that God really is who he says he is back to the same first John verse we quoted where it says if we confess our sins, he will forgive us. Relationships are built on trust to trust that God

Forgives us, that he's going to forgive us, and he always will take that in. Be grateful for it. God wants to forgive. So accept it, no matter what you've done or how many times, it doesn't run out. We're not swiping a forgiveness debit card and getting negative because of too many swipes. That's not what happens. It's unlimited, so take it. Let that humble you let it grow. Your relationship with God. So a purposeful relationship with God, that's what we're here for. It's our purpose, and we have that relationship. By taking God's call, paying attention to him, taking the call when we're unsure. Taking the call. When maybe we want to avoid it and do something else and then responding to his call, living it out, doing what God has called us to do, even when we're unsure we're nervous or. We're scared about it. And then turning from the things that God doesn't like in our lives, things that don't please God, repentance, confessing and going. Back to God. Perfect that him perfection of confessing and going. Because we're always going to. Be imperfect to make mistakes. That's always going to happen, but let's keep confessing and going back to God, and then finally accepting his forgiveness. It's there. He wants us to have it. We have to take. It so take it and then have that purposeful relationship with God. Let's pray. Got to thank you for this chapter and John. God, I thank you that you you sent a clear message to Jonah Antonino, that one that they could learn. From so God, I pray that we would be clear on on what your call is in each of our own lives. Got big, small, whatever. But God, that we would hear it, we would respond to it. God, that if we're excited about it, that we would pray. And figure out the right ways to go about it. Kind of. We're nervous about it that we would share that with you and be honest with you about that. And God then, if there are things in our lives that we need to turn from them that we need to put behind us and come back to you, I pray that you would be. Really clear on those with us too, that we would respond to that, that feeling that we know we're supposed to change. So I pray that you would put that on our hearts, Scott. And I thank you for the forgiveness that you give that you offer and that's there for us to take. I pray that we would all accept it. And humble ourselves before we to accept that forgiveness and to continue to grow a purposeful relationship with you God.