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- About the will of God.



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"Does God always do that? Does God stoop to use those who have rejected His calling, turned a deaf ear to His Word, and pursued a course of determined disobedience? Yes, He is like that. Yes, He does use such messengers. If He did not, none of us could serve Him."

J. Boice

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- Think about Peter.
- Think about forgiveness.



Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Psalm 103:10-12

- He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.
- As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

III. Jonah is going!



Psalm 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

Psalm 121:1

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come?

I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.

Your testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.

Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

May Your compassion come to me that I may live, for Your law is my delight.

⁹² If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

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There's a
better way –
wanting to
please God.



IV. Jonah doesn't mess with the message.



"When Jonah said only what the Lord commanded him to say, without embellishment or diminishment, the Lord accomplished His will in the lives of the Ninevites."

J. Youngblood

"Jonah did not present all of the arguments for the existence of God. Neither did he make a case for the Lord as the true God in opposition to the idols of Nineveh. He was not polished in professional attire, and neither was he casually dressed so as not to offend anyone. Having hopped out of a fish, he probably didn't look presentable to anybody! The results here show that human effort is not what changes the hearts of the Ninevites or anyone else. Instead, they demonstrate that believers, as stewards of the Gospel, should be faithful to saying what God says and leave the results to God!"

E. Redmond

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- Gospel is God's <u>power</u> unto <u>salvation</u>.

