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Bethel Christian Academy's Principal's Perspective

For the past few week's, I have been teaching about Jonah in one of our church's Wednesday night adult classes. It has been extremely interesting as the writer of the curriculum I am using, Eric Mason, has brought up some points that I had never thought of before in addition to the usual thoughts about the prophet. I shared one of the concepts in Middle School Chapel today. It was the concept of "unloveable people." Remember the story? Jonah was told to "preach against" the city of Ninevah because of its wickedness. Instead of being obedient, Jonah tried to run away. It didn't go well (terrible storm, fish bait, etc.)

Jonah had lots of reasons why he didn't want to go to Ninevah, and some of them were completely justified! But one of the main ones was that he didn't feel that the Ninevites were worthy of God's love. Jonah personally did not like them. He judged them as wicked and unable to be saved. Jonah knew the character of God, that he loves everyone even though they (and we!) don't deserve it...that God forgives and gives second chances, that he wants EVERYONE to know him and submit their lives to him, so rather than even give the Ninevites the chance to repent and be saved, he unilaterally made the decision that they shouldn't even get to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel! When reading those words, it sounds pretty ridiculous! We know that is not who God is. As a prophet, Jonah knew it, too! So, it's easy for us to pass judgement on him. Of course he couldn't run from God! Of course, the Ninevites weren't "unloveable" or "unsaveable!"

We can sit and judge Jonah, but I think that we are like him way more than we choose to realize. It's easy for us to read the Bible and shake our heads at the knucklehead things that God's people did at times, right? But how often do we see a homeless person on the street or in a store and turn the other way? How often do we hear about a cause or see a person in need and choose to do nothing? The Bible says "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act" (Proverbs 3:27). The ERV says "Do everything you possibly can for those who need help." I am not judging anyone or saying that you don't do enough to show God's love to those who need it. But I would guess that you, like me, probably miss out on opportunities that God puts in our path. Maybe consciously, or maybe because we just aren't paying attention. But I want to challenge you today to be obedient to whatever God is telling you to do! It will make a world of difference to someone!

Thanks and God Bless!
Mr. Burnett, BCA Principal

BROADCAST

- January 27 2023 -

Weekly Devo

Click below to watch this week's devotion!



Mosaic
January 24, 2023



Bethel Christian Academy
Students of integrity who love God and love others!

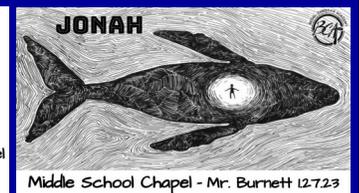
◇ February 1 – Re-Enrollment Opens!
You will receive more information in your email leading up to 2/1. You will do re-enrollment in your FACTS Family Portal. Early Bird Re-Enrollment Fee of \$80 per student is available February 1-28.

◇ February 3– Progress Reports

Watch Today's Chapels

Elementary Chapel

Middle School Chapel



Basketball Games at BCA

Friday, January 27 at 6:00PM - MS Girls

Friday, January 27 at 7:15PM - MS Boys

Saturday, January 28 at 9:00AM - EL Boys

Saturday, January 28 at 1:00PM - MS Girls

Saturday, January 28 at 2:15PM - MS Boys

Come out and cheer on our teams! Elementary games are free. MS admission: \$3 for adults & \$1 for students.

Tentative
2023-24
BCA School Calendar

Raising Students of Integrity Who Love God and Love Others

