

## West Valley Church of Christ – May 3, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

### **THE JONAH PROBLEM**

The prophet of God, Jonah, was to go to Nineveh and preach to a people who were on all accounts a wicked people. Jonah was reluctant to preach for he did not care



to see them repent and change their ways. Later when God forgave the Ninevites for their sins Jonah was unhappy. God was displeased with Jonah's attitude. Consider the value of going to that person in your life who tends to be a bit more challenging or presents you a little more difficulty on occasions and telling them you love them, or better yet, showing them, you love them. How is our love for the difficult person in our life? Is there someone we are trying to avoid that we have found to be difficult? Do we want God to forgive us more than we are willing to forgive someone else? If so, we may have a "Jonah problem." I have learned something beneficial about dealing with challenging people. I have learned that if I ignored those few individuals, it was never going to improve our relationship. In fact, it could even hinder my relationship with God. I have learned from the Scripture Jesus didn't avoid difficult people, He loved them. Thankfully, our God loved us, before we loved Him and this motivates us to love in the likeness of Christ.

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