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**“Forgive Us Our Trash Baskets!”**  
**(Jonah 3:1-10)**

The primary purpose of Jonah’s story is to reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s love!

An interesting thing about the God of the Old Testament – He is not a \_\_\_\_\_ God!

What are some circumstances that might prompt a change the mind of the Almighty?

**1.- \_\_\_\_\_ seems to change God’s mind.**

Sometimes our prayers are prayers of \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes they are supplications for \_\_\_\_\_.

More often than not, we pray for God somehow to \_\_\_\_\_ His plan!

Perhaps we may pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that we wish God would change!

Word List

change    forgiveness    greatness  
Prayer    rigid    somebody  
thanksgiving

**2.- \_\_\_\_\_ changes God’s mind.**

We repent and God changes his \_\_\_\_\_ toward us!

Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ to our relationship with God.

The longer we stay in our sin, the more \_\_\_\_\_ it is for **us** to \_\_\_\_\_ to God!

After a while, sin becomes such a part of us that we grow \_\_\_\_\_ to the good things God wants to give us!

That’s why the repentance of one lost soul brings such \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven!

Word List

attitude    barrier    difficult  
numb.    rejoicing    Repentance  
turn

3.- Mature \_\_\_\_\_ understands that it is not God's mind that changes, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Jonah missed the point. – Jonah heard Judgement when God had intended \_\_\_\_\_!

It was never God's purpose that Nineveh be \_\_\_\_\_. It was God's will that Nineveh recognize its need for \_\_\_\_\_!

Pop Theology: It's the \_\_\_\_\_ God that is put before the world not the \_\_\_\_\_ God!

Archbishop Trench: *"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of God's willingness!"*

He is a God who knows our \_\_\_\_\_ and whose will is ever \_\_\_\_\_ to His children's good!

What we need to pray for is not that God will change his \_\_\_\_\_, but that God will change \_\_\_\_\_ so that we will \_\_\_\_\_ Him more!

God's love for us is \_\_\_\_\_! – It is we who need to \_\_\_\_\_!

Our greatest need is to bring our lives into such \_\_\_\_\_ with the love and \_\_\_\_\_ of God that his plan is our plan!

#### Word List

change	condemning	destroyed
directed	faith	forgiving
harmony	mercy	needs
Ours	plan	purpose
repentance	trust	unchanging
us		

Let's be mature believers who seek to bring our lives into line with the purposes of God!

THAT is what we seek in our praying!  
AMEN?