Obadiah-Jonah Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Jonah 1:1-3 what did God tell Jonah (v1-2) and how did he respond (v3)? What false belief did he base this on (v3)?	
5. Using 1:4-9 what occurred next (v4), what were the two reactions (v5-6)? How did they discover Jonah's faith (v7-9)?	
6. In 1:10-17 how did the men respond and why (v10)? What did Jonah tell them to do (v11-12) but what did they try (v13)? What was the outcome when they obeyed (v14-17)?	
7. According to 2:1-10 what did Jonah do from inside the fish (v1-2, 4, 7, 8, 9) and how did he get to this point (v3-4, 5-7)? What did he correctly believe God would do (v4, 9, 10)?	
8. Read 3:1-10. How did Jonah use his "second chance" (v1-4) and how did Nineveh respond (v5, 6-9)? What was God's response (v10) and how does this strike you?	
9. From 4:1-4 how did Jonah react (v1, 3) and why (v2)? How did God deal with him (v4) and what does this reveal about God?	
10. List from 4:5-11 Jonah's reactions and God's responses (v5, 6, 7, 8). What was God's question (v9) and answer (v10-11)? What is the application for us?	
11. Why does God treat Edom (Obadiah) and Nineveh (Jonah) differently? How is His character consistent even though the outcome is different? Apply to your life.	

Scripture to Remember

"Those who regard vain idols forsake their faithfulness, but I will sacrifice to You with a voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord."

Jonah 2:8-9 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Sit in the Little Chair (James 4:6)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Go around the room and each person give a synonym for "pride". Think of someone you've known who was a "proud" person. What were they like?
2. Read James 4:6. Where does pride come from and why do you think people have the need to have it or express it?
3. Look at the results of pride—God hates it, it cause contention, it leads to disgrace, and it hinders our relationship with God. Why do you think it causes these things?
4. Discuss these "myths" about humility—that is shows a lack of confidence or a lack of knowledge. Has either of these ever held you back from expressing humility?
5. Talk about why humility opens doors to the lost and to those in need of healing. Why does God reward it with His grace?
6. Give personal examples of how you can apply humility to your marriage, your parenting, your work, and your church—or any other area of your life.
7. If there is time bring up anything else from the message that you would like to talk about.

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Two Sides of the Same Coin

Introduction to Obadiah-Jonah

In the prophecies of Obadiah and Jonah God presents two sides of the same coin of repentance. In Obadiah the people of Edom, who had descended from Jacob's brother, Esau, were called out for their pride. This pride had been cultivated because of their geographically secure position high above in the mountains south of the Dead Sea. Their capital, Petra, was an impregnable fortress with huge gorges on both sides. However, because they had mistreated Judah when they were attacked by the nations they would receive retribution. Instead of helping their brothers they had gloated over their misfortune and looted their towns when they were sacked. Because of this violence to Judah and unwillingness to repent God promised to bring them down from their high perch and judge them as the rest of the nations. Judah would get to repay them at that time. In Jonah God showed the other side of repentance. When people do repent He is willing to forgive, no matter what they have done or who they are. God told Jonah to go to the dreaded Assyrians of Nineveh to preach judgment—which He never intended if they repented. Jonah, though, didn't want them to repent; he simply wanted God to destroy them. So the first two chapters of Jonah is about his running and repenting—he ran as far as he could, falsely believe he could leave God's presence, but God exposed him to pagan sailors. They threw him overboard, a great fish swallowed him, and Jonah repented. The last two chapters is about Jonah re-

It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

turning and relapsing. He returns to God's will, preaches to Nineveh, and amazingly they repent. God graciously forgives, but Jonah is enraged because of this. He watches from a hill with the shade of a plant, but God causes the plant to die. Jonah is angered further and wants to die. God is showing him that He cares about Nineveh because they have value to Him, just as the plant does to Jonah. Without repentance He will judge, but with it He will forgive; they are simply two sides of the same coin.

Daily Study Questions for Obadiah-Jonah

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

1. Read Obadiah 1-9. Describe Edom's attitude and its cause (v3-4). What would happen to them (v1-2, 5-6, 7, 8, 9) and who was really behind this (v2, 4, 8)?	
2. Using 10-14 what had Edom (Esau) done wrong (v10) and how had they shown this (v11, 12-13, 14)? What should they have done for their brother Israel?	
3. Looking at 15-21 what would be the result of Edom's actions (v15-16)? What would happen to Israel (v17, 18, 19-20, 21), and what does this show about God's dealings with His people?	

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