



Part 6: Old Testament Violence? Episode 95 // February 13, 2022

Main Points

Discovering the violence the Old Testament documents often keeps people from discovering the life Jesus offers.

If we ask the difficult questions about God we step closer to discovering the truth about God.

God is slow to judge and quick to forgive.

One of the most important questions we can ask of Biblical Writings is WHY?

Since God loves us, he lets us choose how we will respond to him.

Our fear of God's judgment can keep us from enjoying the peace of God's love.

Our choices have consequences.

God hates and judges sin, but loves to forgive and rescue sinners.

We won't always have all the answers, but we always have a choice whether or not we will trust God's love.

When we ask God "why" we can choose to trust the answer is based on his love for us.

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The book of Jonah

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Before they left, the men told her, "We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions. When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house. If they go out into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death. If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way."

Joshua 2:17-20 NLT

This Week's Challenge:

Read once a day: Romans 5:6-8

Ask: Since God loves me, why do I choose to not trust him?

Discussion Questions

1. Where have you seen God's love this week?
2. What stood out, bothered, confused, was clarified, or left you feeling unsatisfied in this episode?
3. What is easier for you to focus on: God's judgment or God's mercy? Why do you think that is?
4. Read Jonah 3:6-4:3 and 2 Peter 3:9-10. What do you see about God's character in these passages?
5. How can your group pray for you this week?



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