

WHEN A CHRISTIAN DISOBEYS

From the Bible book of Jonah

Jonah's disobedience was understandable from a human standpoint.

Jonah's disobedience put his own and other lives in danger.

Jonah's disobedience brought him great suffering.

Jonah's disobedience was futile. (Isn't it really stupid to think that we can get by with disobeying God?)

Jonah's disobedience was wicked. He put his own comfort over the eternal salvation of many.

Obedience brings blessing to many.

Sometimes repentance is a process. It's a complete turning in a sense, but it's still only the first step on a long hard road. There is a road back.

Admit you are wrong. Humble yourself and don't blame others.

Be willing to accept the consequences of your wrong decisions and acts.

Try to make things right to the degree that you can do so.

Get back on the road of obedience.

Sometimes we must begin by correcting acts, while God works on our attitudes.

Jonah's thinking was self-centered and short-sighted, while God's thinking was centered on extending mercy to many for eternity.

In obeying our parents we learn to obey God.