



SERMON NOTES

JONAH



Week 1 (June 7): "The Jonah in Us"
Jonah 1:1-3

I. Introduction – The Book of Jonah

- A. The book of Jonah is classified as one of the _____ prophets.
- B. Jonah was a _____ during the reign of Jeroboam II, king of Israel, who reigned from 793-753 B.C.
- C. Scholars don't know who _____ the book of Jonah and there is no consensus as to when it was written.
- D. Scholars debate whether the story of Jonah was intended to be _____, allegorical, or a combination of the two.

II. Lessons from the Life of Jonah – Chapter 1

- A. God will often ask you to do things you _____ want to do.
- B. You can always find a _____ sailing in the wrong direction.
- C. God may use a _____ to grab your attention.
- D. Your disobedience may _____ others.
- E. Sometimes God lets you hit rock bottom, so you can discover that he is the _____ at the bottom.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

What do you do when that still small voice of God calls you to do something you don't want to do? Like Jonah, many of us run in the opposite direction. But just because you run, doesn't mean God is through with you.

Monday: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Do you believe that the book of Jonah is historical, allegorical, or a combination of the two? Do you believe that scripture can be allegorical and still be inspired by God? Do you believe that all scripture needs to be historically accurate or it is not true?

Tuesday: 2 Kings 19:14-19

This was a prayer of Hezekiah, the king of the northern kingdom of Israel. He was fearful of the Assyrians conquering their nation. The Assyrians were ruthless and would kill and torture their enemies. In his mind, Jonah had legitimate reasons for not wanting to preach to the Ninevites. Has there ever been a time when you disobeyed God's direction and faced the consequences. Who or what is currently the Nineveh in your life?

Wednesday: Jonah 1:1-3

In your spiritual life, which direction are you running: towards God, away from God, with God, or behind God? Share a time when you thought you could ignore or run from God? Where did you end up? What does our running from God reveal about our concept of God?

Thursday: Jonah 1:1-6

What kind of storms has God used in the past (or present) to get your attention? What did your storm reveal to you? How long did it take for you to have a change of heart? How did God use the storm to change the way you think about Him and His mercy toward others?

Friday: Jonah 1:7-17

Jonah's disobedience did not just affect him, it affects everyone around him. How can the consequences of our disobedience affect others? Think about a time when you disobeyed God. Who was affected by your disobedience?

MOVING FORWARD

Like Jonah, God speaks to us today and may ask us to do something we don't want to do. And like Jonah, many times we look for a boat sailing in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, we don't realize that our disobedience to God may hurt others as well. But when we run, God still pursues us and tries to get our attention through the storms of life. And it's in the midst of the storm that we can grow closer to God and be transformed.

Answers to the sermon notes: 1A) minor B) prophet C) wrote D) historical IIA) don't B) boat IIC) storm D) cost E) rock