

Jonah- The Depths Of Grace

Part 2- Grace Through Storms

Jonah 1:4-17- "But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, & there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, & each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship & had lain down & was fast asleep. So the captain came & said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, & the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, & I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea & the dry land." Then the men were exceedingly afraid & said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more & more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up & hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more & more tempestuous against them. Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, & lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked up Jonah & hurled him into the sea, & the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, & they offered a sacrifice to the Lord & made vows. And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days & three nights."

1. We Assume Innocence

2. We Pray For The Storm To Go Away:

3. The God Who You're Praying To Sent The Storm:

VS. 4a- God hurled this storm at Jonah's boat

VS. 9-10- Jonah says that he's a Hebrew who has sinned against the God of Heaven who created the water & the dry land...

4. God Takes Jonah's Sin Really Seriously:

Deuteronomy 32:4- "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness & w/out iniquity, just & upright is he."

5. Sin Affects Everyone Around Us:

6. Guilty People Can Be Profoundly Indifferent To Others:

7. They Ask What God Wants Them To Do

VS. 11-12- "Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more & more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up & hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

8. They Try To Deal W/ The Storm In Their Own Strength

VS.13a- "Nevertheless, the men rowed hard..."

9. This Makes The Problem Worse

VS. 13b- "but they could not, for the sea grew more & more tempestuous against them."

10. The Sailors Repented To God & Obeyed Him:

VS. 14-15- "Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, & lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked up Jonah & hurled him into the sea, & the sea ceased from its raging."

11. The Sailors Become Worshippers

VS. 16- "Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, & they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows"

12. Jonah Gave Up On God, But God Didn't Give Up On Jonah

VS. 17- "And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish 3 days & 3 nights."

Someone Better Than Jonah Is Here

Matthew 12:39-41- "But he answered them, "An evil & adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days & three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days & three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment w/ this generation & condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, & behold, something greater than Jonah is here."

2 Corinthians 5:21- "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Jesus Was The Caring Who Was Punished For The Careless

John 3:16- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Jesus' Sacrifice Dealt W/ THE Storm We All Face

Proverbs 18:10- "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it & is safe."

Jesus is the Name that we run to...that we find safety in

RESPONSE:

Some Need To Confess

Some Need To Repent

Some Need To Quit

Jesus' Sacrifice Shows How Serious Sin Really Is