



THE BOOK OF
JONAH

“Law and Order and Mercy”

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Text: Jonah 1:7-17

Part 2 of “The Book of Jonah”

Review: Stop running from God! Why?

- a. The _____ of the Lord will catch up with you.
- b. The _____ way is the _____ way.
- c. You cannot _____ the presence of God.
- d. _____ will lead to destruction.
- e. God will meet you with _____.

TODAY: The sovereign Lord acts according to his _____
_____ — both in judgment and in mercy.

1. LAW (Jonah 1:7-10)

- a. (1:1-3) The LORD calls Jonah and he _____.
- b. (1:7) The LORD sends a storm, the crew prays, and Jonah goes “into the inner part of the ship.”
- c. The crew casts lots and Jonah is _____.
- d. (1:10) Literally: “the men feared with a great fear.”

2. ORDER (Jonah 1:11-14)

- a. "For the sea grew more and more _____." (both v. 11 and 13)
- b. (v. 12) "Pick me up and _____ me into the sea;"
- c. (v. 13) "Rowed hard" literally: "to dig into the water."
- d. Three pieces to their plea:
 - i. O LORD, let us not...
 - ii. Lay not on us...
 - iii. For you, O LORD, have...

3. MERCY (Jonah 1:15-17)

- a. REMEMBER: The sovereign Lord acts according to his good pleasure — both in _____ and in _____.
- b. (Gen. 50:20) "As for you, you meant _____ against me, but God meant it for _____..."
- c. God _____ Jonah.

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Think about how you all act when you know you have messed up. When have you hidden your mistake? When have you confessed it? When have you been exposed? *(Parents: I recommend going first. Let your kids see mom and dad mess up too - you need God's mercy too - and you don't always handle it well.)*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FIRST: Read through the whole book of Jonah!

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Take a moment to look back on your week! Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs = high points, Lows = low points, Buffalos = interesting)

Why do you think Jonah runs in 1:1-3? *(Hint: Jonah tells God why later in the book, if you read through it.)*

Why do you think Jonah hides from the storm in 1:5, even when the rest of the crew starts praying to their gods?

(v. 13) When have you tried superficial solutions to spiritual problems? When have you tried to just fix the consequence to your sin rather than repenting of the sin?

Why do you think God saved the sailors on the ship? What does it show us about God's plan, even in chaos and disobedience?

When can you look back and see how God used your disobedience for his good?

Read Romans 6:1-4. If God uses sin, why not go on sinning?

"The sovereign Lord acts according to his good pleasure — both in judgment and in mercy." Taking what you already know about God, why would it ever be his "good pleasure" to judge? (*Consider 1 Sam. 17:7, Hebrews 12:6*)

Father, you are not surprised by my sin. You are sovereign, creator of everything and in control of everything. Thank you for including me in your plan. Thank you for using my obedience and disobedience for your will. Forgive me for my stubborn rebellion and help me obey you. Use my life to point others to you, through my high points AND low points. Amen.