

Sunday July 1, 2018 SINK OR SWIM – Jonah chapter 1

If you had only 2 BOOKS from the Old Testament to choose from, what would they be?

- I. F _____ of Jonah – Why?
- 1) F _____ city
 - 2) F _____ people
 - 3) F _____ with idolatry
- Nineveh was founded by _____

- II. F _____ of Jonah
How have I/You run from God?
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Where is the very last place you would want to be a witness for Jesus Christ?

- III. F _____ of Jonah's F _____
v.4 "the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea."

- IV. F _____ COMEBACK, JONAH

- V. F _____ verbal witness to his faith in God.
Acts 14:14-17, 17:23-29

- VI. F _____ results

v.16 "Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows."

Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)

¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

- VII. F _____ running away – God is sovereign even over R _____.

“No matter what happens or comes our way, we have a God who is in complete control – that’s what sovereignty means. God never overpromises or underdelivers. He never has. Why? Because there is NOTHING too hard for Him. He can do ANYTHING. He is in complete control.” (James MacDonald, Always True, p 66)

SO- is this just a FISHY STORY? NO!

“There are other reliable records of people being swallowed by large fish and surviving,” (R.K. Harrison, Introduction to the OT)

-Jesus view JONAH as HISTORY

Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 11:29-32

Jonah in fish → Jesus in tomb

Jonah points to the greater miracle of Jesus’ B _____ R _____ from the grave.

How is Jonah chapter 1 relevant for us in 2018?

1st – GOD IS A GOD OF G _____ and M _____

-Christianity is a R _____, not a R _____

2nd – GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER OUR REBELLION

3rd – GOD teaches us valuable L _____ even through our D _____

4th- the B _____ R _____ to God is obedience from the start.

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:

“Lord, help me to be obedient from the start.”