

Series: The Gospel According to Jonah

Sermon: Sin and Storms

Main Scripture: Jonah 1:1-17

Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:28; Matthew 12:38-41; Mark 10:45

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Message Takeaway: With every sin comes a storm.

Supporting Thoughts:

- “Cry against it” = a call to repentance.
- Sin: Fleeing God and His presence. We follow our own, selfish desires and flee from God’s desires.
- Beware of open doors.
- “Sin is a suicidal action of the will upon itself.” (Timothy Keller)
- No matter what storm you face, God can use it for His good and perfect will.
- There’s a physical toll sin takes on your life.
- You can’t seek God’s love and run from Him at the same time.
- We must exude godly character in all circumstances and places.
- God will take all circumstances to shape our character if we’re willing participants.
- Never doubt how God will use your successes...and your failures to draw others to Him.
- We reap what we sow, more than we’ve sowed, often later than we’ve sowed. (Charles Stanley)
- Severe circumstances reveal God’s severe mercy.
- Your hope is in “*ichthys*” – the fish, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

Discussion Questions:

- Discuss this thought with your small group: Disobedience can be a slippery slope. True or False, why or why not?
- Describe a time when you ran from God. What were the circumstances? What were the consequences?
- Kip defined repentance as a change of mind that results in an action. It’s more than just “feeling sorry.” Where have you seen repentance play out in your life? What were the results?
- How does “the grudge” become a slippery slope that leads to sin?
- Today’s main idea is that with every sin is an eventual storm. Discuss that point with your group. How does that play out in our lives, our families, our church, in our nation?
- Where do you see Jesus in Jonah chapter 1? How is the gospel represented in Jonah chapter 1?

Sources: Timothy Keller, *Rediscovering Jonah: The Secret of God’s Mercy*; J. Vernan McGee, *Jonah and Micah Commentary*; Tom Constable, “*Constable Expository Notes*” (Plano Bible Chapel, Plano TX); Stephen M. Miller, *The Complete Guide to the Bible*.