

# JONAH IN THE STORM

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## Week 1 summary

Preacher on the Run | Jonah 1:1-3

1. Introduction: Jonah is a book about Jonah and us.

### **2. What can we build into our lives to prevent us doing a 'Jonah'?**

Stabiliser #1: Make sure you are standing on Christ alone for stability.

The word of God came to Jonah in the presence of the Lord. We are people of word and Spirit.

Conclusion: Jesus is our true Jonah. Jesus like Jonah was cast out onto the cross for others but was not rescued but abandoned and died in our place and rose again to save us and send us out! Jonah points to the gospel and points to Jesus.

## Week 2

Jonah in the Storm | Jonah 1:17-2:10

The main purpose of this book is to get us to understand God's grace

- God shows Jonah His heart for the nations of the world, not just for Israel. (Jonah had a blind spot/idol – he only cared for Israel)
- Anyone can be in the dark about God's **grace**, even a "professional prophet".

1. God uses storms to simultaneously shake the world and wake the church.

Jonah began to experience a bit of the fear of the LORD that the Ninevah would experience.

The goal is not just to survive the storm but to help others when you're out.

When going through a storm you're open to fresh advice. The presence of a storm doesn't mean the absence of God.

What do you believe? Hold onto Him and God will bring you through. You will come out the other side, even if you get a bit battered.

Storms get everyone's attention. The Bride of Christ needs to wake up in this hour! This is your time to wake up. People are open.

This was a supernatural storm. Jonah was sleeping while they were looking for answers. The church needs to wake up, for sake of others. We have the answers. We're all in the same boat. Jonah was only interested in serving the needs of believers and Israel. God cares for the pagan community.

Our need today: Compassionate, functional, wise leadership in the world.

It's time to prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus.

2. In the whale Jonah begins to pray (Stabiliser #2).

He begins to be aware of his own idols Jonah 2:8. That place of pressure and restrictions forms spiritual life in you.

3. **Jonah prays God's word** (Stabiliser #3) and finds dry ground again (Stabiliser #4).

He began to pray, and he prayed the Scriptures. These actions helped him to see clearly again and prepare him to resume his missional responsibility.

Don't say, I'm NO WHERE - say, I'm NOW HERE.

Now he gets into Ninevah and is on site. He rolls up his sleeves (gets to work).

Where you are now is where God has placed you. You need to be with people, on site - to get your hands dirty. You can't do all your theology online, you need people.

Conclusion: **There's love at the heart of our storms.** God is with us through every storm.

If you turn your faith to Him, He will never let you sink.

The only storm that can ever really destroy you is the storm of divine justice and judgement on sin that will never come upon you, because Jesus bowed His head into that storm and He took the full wrath and judgment of God so that you **wouldn't** have to experience that storm!