

Revealing Where Disobedience Leads Us

Genesis 3:11

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Genesis 3:11b, *"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"*

What Others are Saying About Disobedience

- "True obedience is the refusal to compromise in any regard our relationship with God, regardless of the consequences."
- A.W. Tozer
- "God says He will be responsible for the consequences of our obedience, but we will be responsible for the consequences of our disobedience."
- Charles Stanley
- "There will be no peace in any soul until it is willing to obey the voice of God."
- D.L. Moody
- "Obedience to the will of God is the pathway to perpetual honor and everlasting joy."
- Charles H. Spurgeon

- "I believe Christians often perceive obedience to God as some test designed just to see if we're really committed to Him. But what if it's designed as God's way of giving us what's best for us?"
- Craig Groeschel

Jonah - [A Dove](#)

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1. Disregard for a Clear Command

Jonah 1:1, *The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai...*

2. Belief that Running Away Will Help

Jonah 1:3, *But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.*

3. Overlook Warning Signs from God

Jonah 1:4, *Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.*

4. Ignore the Consequences of Our Sin on Others

Jonah 5a, *All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god.*

5. Detachment from Reality

Jonah 1: 5b-6, *But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."*

6. Face to Face with Tough Questions

Jonah 1:8, 10-11, *So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"*
¹⁰*This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)*
¹¹*The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"*

1. Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us?
2. What kind of work do you do?
3. Where do you come from?
4. What is your country?
5. From what people are you?
6. What have you done?
7. What should we do to make the sea calm down for us?

7. A Place of Darkness

Jonah 1:17, *Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

8. A prayer of Humble Repentance

Jonah 2:1, *From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.*

5 Consequences of Disobedience

1. Separation from God

Isaiah 59:2, *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

2. **Unnecessary Guilt**

Psalm 38:4, *My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.*

3. **Self-Destruction**

Proverbs 13:5, *The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked make themselves a stench and bring shame on themselves.*

4. **Divine Discipline**

Proverbs 3:11-12, *My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,¹² because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.*

5. **Loss of Joy**

Psalm 51-12, *Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

6. **Spiritual Heaviness**

Psalm 32:4, *For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.*

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. Clear
2. Running
3. Warning
4. Ignore
5. Reality
6. Tough
7. Darkness
8. Repentance
9. God
10. Guilt
11. Self
12. Divine
13. Joy
14. Heaviness