

# Jonah Chapter 1

## Grace in the Storm

Cry out to the Lord.

**Introduction:** The Book of Jonah has often been reduced to a story about a fish. This book is surely not about the fish. It's not even about the Prophet Jonah for which it is named. Jonah is about God. The theme of this book and the title for the four part series is *God's mission of grace*.

### I. Context

1. Jonah was a real person.
2. Never miss that for all the comedy, absurdity and wonder of this book these are real events.
3. Jonah was a prophet.
4. Jonah was unique.

**Cross Reference:** 2 Kings 14:25; Matthew 12:38-41

### II. Jonah's downfall

1. Whenever we begin fleeing from the Lord's word and from His presence, we will go looking for a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When we deal with God in His church by our own terms and not His, it is like we are counting out our money to get on a ship bound for a place we think God will \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cross Reference:** Hebrews 4:12

### III. Lord in the storm

1. The Lord does not blindly throw great winds to cause great storms at us. He purposely throws great winds to cause great storms at us, so we will \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The great storms of life allows us to recognize we are in the hands of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cross Reference:** Hebrews 10:31

### IV. calm of the Lord

1. Jonah was a sinful and disobedient to God, but he foreshadows \_\_\_\_\_.

**Quote:** "Jesus threw Himself into the fury of God's storm to rescue those far from God." — Pastor and Bible commentator David Guzik.

**Takeaway:** The Lord God is not willing to leave us to our own, but brings grace into storms of our own making as well as storms made by others. Cry out to him before, during and after the storm. Receive His grace.

**Communion Passage:**

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced because of our rebellion,  
crushed because of our iniquities;  
punishment for our peace was on him,  
and we are healed by his wounds.

Isaiah 53:6 We all went astray like sheep;  
we all have turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has punished him  
for the iniquity of us all.