

# JONAH

## *"A Whale of a Tale or a Tail of a Whale"*

### Lesson 4 - Calming the Storm

#### JONAH 1:11-17

#### Introduction:

None of us are immune to the storms of life. The real issue is how we respond to the storms of life.

- Some \_\_\_\_\_ about them.
- Some \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- Some \_\_\_\_\_ from them.

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ for the storm (1:11-12)

"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? Pick me up and throw me into the sea,' he replied, 'and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.'"

A. Some storms in life are \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 5:45 "But Jesus said that the Father sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

B. Some storms in life come our way for \_\_\_\_\_.

Testing comes from God to cause a Christian to \_\_\_\_\_.

Trials come from Satan to cause a Christian to \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Some storms in life are \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Remember God sent the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4)
- Remember there is a future for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Removing the storm taught Jonah a valuable \_\_\_\_\_ (purpose).

**Reason for the storm – a loving Father getting the attention of his runaway prophet.**

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ to the storm (1:12-14)**

**“‘Pick me up and throw me into the sea,’ he replied, ‘and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.’ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the Lord, ‘Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.’”**

**A. Sailors’ reactions**

- 1. They \_\_\_\_\_ harder.**
- 2. They \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**B. Jonah’s reactions**

- 1. Stopped \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 2. Submitted to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**One test of Christian character is not our \_\_\_\_\_, but our \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jonah reacted to his storm, with \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Storm (1:15-17)**

**"Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him. Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."**

**What a result! The raging sea grew \_\_\_\_\_.**

**When?      When Jonah discovered that the reason for the storm was the flight from God's will.**

**More was accomplished in one \_\_\_\_\_ in God's will than in \_\_\_\_\_ of tense turmoil and labor.**

**The secret is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(See Matthew 12:39-41)**

**A. Results for sailors**

- 1. They \_\_\_\_\_ a belief in God.**
- 2. They \_\_\_\_\_ a sacrifice to God.**
- 3. They \_\_\_\_\_ an obedience to God.**

**B. Results for Jonah**

- 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ for Jonah.**
- 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah.**
- 3. God \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah.**

**The raging sea grew calm. Those who were lost were saved. Those out of the will of God were recovered. Oh that the results of our storms today might be that we see Jesus in Jonah, that we might see Jesus as our substitute.**

**Next Lesson:**

**"You Can't Keep A Good Man Down"**