

GOD DISRUPTS OUR DISOBEDIENCE Jonah 1:4-16

Man Plans, God Laughs Jonah 1:4-14

Proverbs 16:9 – *“The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”*

- God will interrupt and disrupt the lack of obedience of His followers to accomplish His own will.
- Jonah thought he was heading somewhere. The sailors thought they were going somewhere. God directs differently.
- This story begins with the sailors praying to their own gods with no answer, but in verse 14 these non-believers are seeking God and now fear Him.
- Jonah mistrusted the goodness of God, but he didn't know or understand the cross. What's our excuse?

Jonah's sacrifice points to Jesus Jonah 1:15

- Jonah says, “throw me into the sea”, but he doesn't say, “turn the ship around, I'm going to Nineveh.” It's possible that he still views death as better than the people of Nineveh receiving grace and compassion. Although Jonah's motives are unsure, he is still the scapegoat taking on the consequences of sin to save the sailors.
- The truest pattern of love is substitutionary. “I will take the waves so you don't have to.”
- Matthew 12:41 - *“The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”*

The fear of the Lord leads to following the Lord Jonah 1:16

- Our chaos in life is often from making our own plans, running from God, disobedience and fearing everything but God. Fearing God brings peace.
- This story parallels to Mark 4:35-41, where Jesus calms the storm and the disciples are even more afraid after the miracle.
- God worked through pathetic prophets and reluctant evangelists. What can He do through you?

Response: What do you need to do today to run towards God?

- Confess sin?
- Seek the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Take action in your faith?

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you seen your plans interrupted by God at some point in your life? How was that for your good? Or for God's ultimate good?
2. What does a healthy fear of God look like? What are ways that we can seek a life of reverence and awe to God that fully express this healthy fear?
3. God worked through pathetic prophets and reluctant evangelists. What is God calling you to do that scares you or you are unwilling to run towards?

Next Steps:

INVITE OTHERS TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: Help spread the word and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you for SoCal Harvest at Angel Stadium, August 23-25, to hear music from top Christian artists, inspiring interviews with special guests, and a life-changing message of hope from the Gospel. Admission is FREE! We are on a mission for Each One at Calvary to Reach One person for Jesus, and this is a great opportunity for that! You can find invitation resources to share and learn more in the Lobby today or visit calvarylife.org/harvest

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.