

The Interrupter

The Book of Jonah

1. When God **INTERRUPTS** your journey or plans, you need to **LISTEN AND OBEY**. (*Acts 9:1-6, Luke 1:26-38, Genesis 22:9-14, Acts 8:26-39*)
2. God may **SEND** you where you do not want to go, ask you to do things **YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO**, because our lives must be about **SERVING GOD**. (*John 17:18, Exodus 3:10-11, Isaiah 6:8, Numbers 13:1-2, Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:2, Acts 22:21, Matthew 10:5, Luke 10:1, Acts 9:17, Acts 10:20, Acts 13:4*)
3. “For the Lord your God is **GRACIOUS** and **MERCIFUL** and will not turn away his face from you, if you **RETURN** to him.” 2 Chronicles 30:9b (*John 3:16, Matthew 11:28-29, Romans 8:1-39, Exodus 34:6-7, Psalm 25:10*)
4. God will be patient with your **WEAKNESSES** and always ready to save you in **UNEXPECTED** ways when you **TURN** to Him. (*Numbers 14:18, Psalm 86:15, Psalm 145:8, Jeremiah 15:15, Isaiah 48:9, John 6:53, Genesis 3:15, Judges 3:7-9, Judges 4:14-15*)
5. Godly sorrow which leads to **REPENTANCE** and **OBEDIENCE** to God can be **DIFFICULT** and sometimes **PAINFUL**. (*2 Corinthians 7:10, Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:9, Luke 24:47, Acts 8:22, Luke 3:3, 2 Petr 3:9*)
6. Accepting God as the **CREATOR** means you accept that He **DETERMINES** your **STEPS** and the **WORLD** you live in. (*Nehemiah 9:6, Isaiah 45:7, Isaiah 66:2, Ephesians 3:9, Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 45:18, Colossians 1:16*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Has God ever interrupted you in your plans? Why do you think it was God? What was the outcome of the interruption?
3. Looking at Jonah 1:1-3, why did Jonah run away from the Lord? Do you think Jonah actually thought he could run away from the Lord's presence? Why or Why not?
4. Jonah clearly hated the people in the city of Nineveh. He was being asked to do something he did not want to do. Have you ever run away from something you did not want to do? Explain. What is your Nineveh?
5. Do you think Jonah was foolish to think he was in control of his destiny? How much of your destiny do you control? How does your answer affect the way you live?
6. God saved Jonah from dying in a very unexpected way through a fish. Has God ever saved you from something in a very unexpected way? Explain.
7. In Jonah, there were four reactions to God's interruptions, Jonah's reaction in chapter one, the sailor's reaction, the city of Nineveh's reaction, and finally Jonah's reaction in chapter four. Explain the different reactions? Can you personally identify with any of those four different reactions? If yes, which one/s?

