

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ...

“The Flight of Jonah: From Presence to Peril”

(Jonah 1:1-2:10)

❖ **Escape from God’s Presence**

- Jonah’s Attempt to Flee from God (vs. 3)
 - Because of His Feelings of Incapability
 - To Live Up to God’s Expectations
 - To Understand God’s Purpose
 - Because of His Fear and Incompetence
 - To Respond to God’s Desires
 - To Realize the Mind of Christ (Phil. 2:4-5)
- Jonah’s Attempt to be Free from God
 - Be Free from Accountability
 - To the Word of God
 - To the People of God
 - Be Free from Responsibility
 - The Responsibility to Walk in Submission
 - The Responsibility to Minister in Calling

❖ **Experience of Great Peril (vs 4)**

- Jonah’s Journey into the Place of Disobedience
 - The Personal Effects
 - Uncooperative Attitude: Ran from God and refused to call upon God (Vs. 2-3).
 - Bitter Spirit: Trouble with authority brings bitterness and isolation.

- Self-Jeopardy: Jonah put his own life at risk!
- The Public Effects
 - Disruption of Family Life: Jonah not only left God but his family as well.
 - Deterioration of Health: Stress comes where there is no peace.
 - Depletion of Finances: His fare was not cheap (3,000 mile trip).
 - Damage to Others: The ship was in jeopardy along with others.

• Jonah’s Journey into the Place of Discipline

- The Course of this World
 - A Chartered Course Away from God
 - A Chartered Course toward Gloom
- The Calamity of the Waves (James 1:6)
 - Winds of Conflict
 - Winds of Correction
- The Center of the Whale
 - Jonah Entered the Belly of Hell
 - Jonah Exited as a Believer in Healing

❖ **Evaded the Grim Possibilities**

- The Possibilities
 - No Rest, No Peace
 - No Anointing, No Blessing
- The Provision
 - Forgiveness and Strength > A Future and a Hope
 - A Way Back