

Sleeping Through The Storms

Jonah 1:4-6 October 9-10, 2021

- **Last Week: Who Is Jonah & Why It Matters Today**

What God Does to Wake Us Up (1:4)

1. The LORD God Actively Uses Storms (of All Kinds) To Wake Us Up
 2. God Can Use Inanimate Objects To Communicate His Displeasure
 3. God Will Shake Your Safety Because He Desires You Even More Than You Desire Your Safety
- We Cannot Escape From God's Jurisdiction & That Is Good News

2 Responses to the Storm (1:5)

1. The Sailors Response (1:5a)

- How They Feel: These Seasoned Sailors Are Scared For Their Lives
- How They Pray: Each Cries Out To His Own god — They Did What They Could With What They Knew
- What They Do: The Sailors Sacrifice Their Cargo To Save Lives
- A Well Rounded Response & Yet It Misses the Mark

2. Jonah's Response (1:5b)

- How He Felt: Sleepy ...
- How He Prayed: He Obviously Didn't Pray While Sleeping Or Even After Awakening
- What He Did: "Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep."
- Jonah's Sleepy Response Falls Flat While He Is Surrounded By A Storm Intended For Him

A Wake Up Call (1:6)

- It Is More Tiring Running From God Than Walking With God
- Are You 'Tired *in* the Work of the Lord' Or 'Tired *of* the Work of the Lord'
- Jesus' Wake Up Call (**Mark 4:35-41**)
- "Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." **Jonah 1:6**

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. What kinds of storms have you seen God use to help wake people up?
2. What has God used in your life to wake you up? What kind of trials has God brought into your life that made you begin to listen more closely to God?
3. Compare the two responses of the Sailors and Jonah to the storm. How does the author of Jonah compare and contrast the responses? Why is this important? What does it reveal about Jonah? What does it reveal about the sailors?
4. We all need wake up calls. What do you believe God is using in your life to get your attention right now?
5. What do you believe God is using in our world to get our attention right now? What kind of storms are we facing in our culture that can serve as a wake up call?
6. Consider Jonah 1:6. "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." How can we respond in prayer when we wake up enough to notice the storms in our life and world? What kind of prayers do you think we should be praying right now?