

The Struggle of Salvation

Jonah 1:11-16

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- **Last Message: An Identity Crisis-Who Are You & Who's To Blame (Jonah 1:7-10)**

What The Sailors Do

- Trying To Earn Salvation
1. Trying To Fix Things Without God (1:11)
 2. Trying To Save Ourselves Through Self-Effort (1:13)
 3. When All Resources Have Been Used Desperate Dependence Is Left (1:14)
 4. True Prayer Is The Opposite Of Trying To Earn Salvation (1:14)
 5. Reverent Fear & Thankfulness Are Two Effects Of True Salvation (1:15)

What Jonah Does

- Neglecting Salvation (Hebrews 2:3)
1. Admits Responsibly For The Storm, But ... (1:12)
 2. Neglects To Do Anything & Just Waits For Salvation Or Destruction (1:12-13)
 3. Others Must Hurl Jonah, Jonah Will Not Hurl Himself (1:15)
 4. God Uses Us, Sometimes Despite Us, Rather Than In Light Of Us

What Jesus Did

- Our Only Hope Of Salvation (Jonah 2:9)
1. Jesus Lays Down His Life Willingly, No One Takes It From Him (John 10:17-18)
 2. Jesus Saves Us From Wrongly Trying To Earn Salvation (John 13:36-38)
 3. Jesus Saves Us Even After We Have Neglected Our Salvation (Hebrews 10:35-39, 32-35, 26-31, 22-25)
 4. Jesus Saves & Gives Us His Life & His Peace (John 20:26-31)

- We Need The One That Is Greater Than Jonah, Jesus Christ, Who Was Plunged Down Into Judgement For Us & Who Can Raise Us Up Out Of Our Sin!

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. In Jonah 1:11-16 everyone is struggling in the storm trying to find a way to be saved through the storm. What is a storm you have lived through? What is a trial, that for you and those around you, was a real struggle?
2. Compare and contrast the sailors and Jonah. How do they compare in this passage? How do they contrast?
3. What are examples of how you have sometimes tried to earn salvation?
4. What are examples of how you have neglected salvation?
5. What acts in the story demonstrate a process of real conversion in the sailors? Is it reasonable for churches to expect believers to demonstrate evidence of conversion?
6. What are some ways in which Jonah's account resembles the account of Christ? What might the resemblance say about the plan of God for all mankind? What might the resemblance say about the character of Scripture?