

# God At Work In The Storm

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**Text:** Jonah 1:10-17

**Introduction:**

**Big Idea:** God is at work in our “\_\_\_\_\_” to change our beliefs! [Jonah’s worst-case scenario was exactly what he needed most.]

## 1. Behavior reflects the roots of our \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs of the Lord God (10-12)

- The sailors are presented as a contrast to the disobedient prophet of God.
  - Jonah claimed to “fear the Lord” but ran in disobedience.
  - These men learn of the Lord and respond to Him in great fear.
- The sailors concluded the storm was because of Jonah’s disobedience then they ask him for help.

## 2. Right beliefs will lead us to seek \_\_\_\_\_ and pursue honor and worship (13-16)

- Motivated by the fear of the Lord, instead of tossing Jonah overboard—they start rowing.
- Right beliefs grow the fruit of obedience, **exalting-worship, prayerful dependence in God.**

## 3. Jonah is meant to point us (\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_) to the “greater Jonah” who is able to save us all (Jonah 1:17, Matthew 12:38-41)

- Jesus taught about Jonah.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the “greater Jonah.”

### TRUTH INTO ACTION:

#1-Our true view of God (not what we say out loud to others) either attracts us to Him or repels us from him.

**Run to him not from him!**

#2-Jonah ought to point you to the “greater Jonah”—JESUS. **Let Jesus become your Rescuer.**

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- How has God worked in your storm?
- How can we pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

## Table Talk

Warm Up: What do you notice in a child when it comes to obedience & disobedience?

1. In his mind, Jonah had legitimate reasons for not wanting to preach to the Ninevites. Describe a time when you disobeyed God's direction and faced the consequences.
2. In what ways can you relate to Jonah's disobedience?
3. What do you think Jonah was thinking:
  - As he fled to Tarshish?
  - During the turbulent storm?
4. What has God used in your past (or present) to get your attention? What does it take for you to acknowledge your disobedience?
5. What does God's pursuit of Jonah reveal about God? How does this fact about God impact you personally?
6. What has God asked you to do that you haven't done? (Is there any area of disobedience in your life?)

Personal reflection: What is God asking you to do that you don't want to do? In what way are you running from God? What do you need to surrender and what attitudes do you need to change in order to be obedient to God?

**Closing Prayer:** Father God, please help me look at my inner life and see it like you do. Reveal blind spots of rebellion and "small" disobedience. Help me to trust you and obey you completely!