Heroes of Faith 6: Jonah

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I. The Jonah Sign

Matthew 12:38-41 (NIV) 38 Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." 39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. (Ref Matt 16:4; Luke 11:29-31)

The goal of Jonah and Jesus: _____

🚹 A desire for a sign is

II. Jonah's Prophetic Call

Jonah 1:1–3 (NIV) 1 The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

Running from God's call is _____

A) Never forget who you are...

Jonah 1:9 (NIV) 9 He [Jonah] answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

B) God is working even in our disobedience...

Jonah 1:16 (NIV) 16 At this the men [sailors] greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Sometimes God reaches people despite

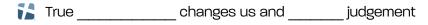
C) Repentance is the key to freedom...

Jonah 2:8-10 (NIV) 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. 9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord." 10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

This is the aim of Godly : Freedom

III. Transformation is the Outcome

Jonah 3:3–5 (NIV) 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. 4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." 5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.



Jonah 3:10 (NIV) 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

IV. Jonah, an Unhappy Prophet

Jonah 4:1-2 (NIV) 1 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? ..."

God cares about even when we don't

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