

Working Hard for Peace

Text: Jonah 1:11–13

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Introduction Notes

Jonah knew God but was running from obedience.

The sailors worked hard for peace while the answer was in the boat with them.

Key Truth: Revival begins when God's people surrender so the lost can be saved.

Notes:

I. The Duality Within Us

Jonah knew truth but lived in disobedience.

A divided heart creates storms around us.

Key Thought: Knowing truth is not the same as obeying truth.

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II. Revival Costs Us Something

Jonah was willing to die, but God wanted obedience.

Revival requires death to self, not escape from responsibility.

Things revival may cost us:

- Comfort
- Pride

- Personal plans
- Control of our lives

Notes:

III. Man Works Hard for Peace Instead of Receiving It

The sailors rowed harder instead of surrendering.

People try peace through:

- Religion
- Success
- Morality
- Self-effort

But peace only comes through surrender to God.

Notes:

IV. Revival Is About the Lost, Not Us

Revival is not better feelings or smoother church life.

Revival is souls being saved.

Our obedience affects:

- Family
- Church
- Community
- Eternities

Revival creates urgency to warn and rescue the lost.

Notes:

V. The Church Cannot Sit in the Boat

We cannot wait for people to come find peace.

We are commanded to go tell them.

Revival begins when comfort is replaced with compassion.

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Final Challenge

Someone in your life is in a storm right now.

Will you surrender so they can be saved?

Closing Notes / Personal Application:
