

Sleeping on the Job

Jonah 1:6

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INTRODUCTION — A WAKE-UP CALL IN THE STORM

- Jonah is asleep while others are fearing for their lives
 - The rebuke comes from a lost shipmaster
 - Sometimes the world is more awake to danger than God's people
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I. A BELIEVER ASLEEP WHILE OTHERS ARE PERISHING

- Jonah slept through a God-sent storm
 - The sailors feared what Jonah ignored
 - Peace without obedience is not spiritual maturity
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II. CONVICTION BEFORE DEVOTION

- God used conviction before the Word was opened
 - Conviction prepares the heart to hear from God
 - God often awakens us before He instructs us
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III. PRAYER IS PART OF OUR CALLING

- Others need us to:
 - Live the gospel

- Walk worthy of our vocation
 - Sleeping on the job often looks like prayerlessness
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IV. WHY WE MUST NOT STOP PRAYING

- Delayed results tempt us to quit praying
 - Prayer keeps us:
 - Spiritually awake
 - Actively witnessing
 - Dependent on God
 - God uses prayer to change us as much as others
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V. OTHERS CANNOT SLEEP THROUGH THE STORM

- Jonah slept, but the sailors feared death
 - Lost people feel the storm even when believers ignore it
 - Without God's intervention, the storm will take them
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CONCLUSION — ARISE AND CALL UPON THY GOD

- Sleeping saints do not help sinking ships
- God awakens us not for comfort, but for commission
- Prayer keeps us alert, obedient, and faithful

Final Reflection / Prayer Notes:
