

# 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:**

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