

Go Fish

Going Jonah (Jonah 1)

How God deals with "the Jonah" in all of us

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish. Jonah 1:1-3 (NLT)

1. Understand, God will talk to us.

The word of the Lord came... Jonah 1:1 (NIV)

2. Don't be surprised when <u>He</u> asks us to do something we <u>don't</u> want to <u>do</u>.

"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." Jonah 1:2 (NLT)

3. We will always be faced with a choice.

But Jonah got up and went in the **opposite direction** to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish. **Jonah 1:3 (NLT**)

4. Don't be surprised if God uses a storm to get our attention.

"But the Lord hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart"... "Why has this awful storm come down on us?" they demanded. "Who are you? What is your line of work? What country are you from? What is your nationality?" Jonah answered, "I am a Hebrew, and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land. "Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault." Jonah 1:4, 8-9, & 12 (NLT)

5. Trust God even when eaten by a BIG FISH. (trust in His provision)

Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! The sailors were awestruck by the Lord's great power, and they offered Him a sacrifice and vowed to serve Him. Now the Lord had arranged (provided) for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Jonah 1:15-17 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones. Proverbs 3:5-8 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: Read Jonah chapter 1 five times and answer the following questions. Who are you in this story? Has there ever been a time when God told you something and you said no? How has that worked out? How do you think it would have worked out differently if you would have done what He asked? Have you ever thought about how it would effect others around you? Now ask God to reveal what He wants you to do. When He speaks, GO DO IT! Write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story.