

FOR YOUR PROPHET

THE BOOK OF JONAH

ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION GOD GAVE ME

These are all warning markers--DANGER!--in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. 1 Corinthians 10:11 - Message

➤ **REMEMBER THE REASONS GOD RECORDED THE "MINOR PROPHETS."**

1. To encourage me to live _____. Romans 15:4
2. To warn me about living _____. 1 Corinthians 10:11-12

➤ **ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION GOD GIVES ME DEMANDS THAT:**

1. I _____.

*A message from the LORD came to Jonah. He was the son of Amittai. The LORD said, "Go to the great city of Nineveh. Preach against it. The sins of its people have come to my attention." **Jonah 1:1, 2** (NIRV)*

*Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All authority of the universe has been given to me. ¹⁹ Now wherever you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age." **Matthew 28:18-20** (TPT)*

- God has given me the mission of sharing His _____ and His _____.

2. I _____.

*In hearing those instructions, Jonah got up and ran toward Tarshish from the Eternal's presence. He went down to the port at Joppa and found a ship bound for Tarshish. He climbed aboard, paid the fare, and made himself comfortable in the hold of the ship. **Jonah 1:3** (VOICE)*

- Two truths to consider when choosing to obey or disobey:
 - A. Disobedience is always wrong _____ of the reason.
 - B. The devil wants me _____ with my wrong decision.

3. I _____.

But the Lord brought a great storm on the sea. The wind made the sea very rough. The storm was strong, and the boat was ready to break apart. ⁵ The men wanted to make the

boat lighter to stop it from sinking, so they began throwing the cargo[d] into the sea. The sailors were very afraid. Each man began praying to his god. Jonah had gone down into the boat to lie down, and he went to sleep. ⁶ The captain of the boat saw Jonah and said, "Wake up! Why are you sleeping? Pray to your god! Maybe your god will hear your prayer and save us!" What Caused This Storm? ¹² Jonah said to the men, "I know I did wrong—that is why the storm came on the sea. So throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm." ¹⁵ So the men threw Jonah into the sea. The storm stopped, and the sea became calm. ¹⁶ When the men saw this, they began to fear and respect the Lord. They offered a sacrifice and made special promises to the Lord. **Jonah 1:4-16** (ERV)

4. I _____.

When Jonah fell into the sea, the LORD chose a very big fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights. ^{2:1} While Jonah was in the stomach of the fish, he prayed to the LORD his God. He said, ² "I was in very bad trouble. I called to the LORD for help, and he answered me. I was deep in the grave. I cried to you, and you heard my voice ... "Some people worship useless idols, but those statues never help them...⁹ I will give sacrifices to you, and I will praise and thank you. I will make special promises to you, and do what I promise." Salvation only comes from the LORD! ¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out of its stomach onto the dry land **Jonah 1:17-2:1, 2, 8-10** (ERV)

- Every hardship Jonah faced was an act of _____.

5. I _____.

A message came to Jonah from the LORD a second time. He said, ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce to its people the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the LORD. He went to Nineveh. It was a very important city. In fact, it took about three days to see all of it. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He announced, "In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed." ⁵ The people of Nineveh believed God. They decided to stop eating for a time to think about their sins. They put on special clothes to show they were sorry. All the people in the city did this, from the most important to the least important. **Jonah 3:1-5** (NIRV)

- God _____ punish, but He _____ to forgive.

6. I ALLOW GOD TO _____.

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong. He became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD. Here is what Jonah said to him. "LORD, isn't this exactly what I thought would happen when I was still at home? That is what I tried to prevent by running away to Tarshish. I knew that you are gracious. You are tender and kind. You are slow to get angry. You are full of love. You are a God who takes pity on people. You don't want to destroy them. ³ LORD, take away my life. I'd rather die than live." **Jonah 4:1-3**(NIRV)

- Jonah was afraid of the _____ of God not the evil of the people.
- In Jonah's prayer he neither admitted _____ nor expressed _____.
- Behavior change, without heart change, is a _____ change.