

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAUSE A STORM!

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*"Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."*

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (ESV)

### TEN LESSONS FROM JONAH ABOUT MY LIFE MISSION

Jonah 1:1-17

#### 1. MY LIFE MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

*"The Lord spoke his word to Jonah, son of Amittai."* Jonah 1:1 (GW)

#### 2. MY LIFE MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

*"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh."* Jonah 1:2 (NLT)

#### 3. MY LIFE MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

*"Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer."*  
Jonah 1:2 (MSG)

#### 4. MY LIFE MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

*"But Jonah ran away from the Lord."* Jonah 1:3 (NIV)

#### 5. RUNNING FROM MY MISSION CAUSES BAD CONSEQUENCES

##### 1) IF I RUN FROM GOD \_\_\_\_\_

*"He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship headed for the port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord."*  
Jonah 1:3 (NIV)

*"Jonah had gone down into the lowest part of the ship, to lay down and fall fast asleep."* Jonah 1:5 (TLV)

*"I sank down, down into the deep sea."* Jonah 2:3 (NCV)

*"I was as far down as a body can go."* Jonah 2:6 (MSG)

##### 2) IF I RUN FROM GOD, \_\_\_\_\_

*"He paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish."*  
Jonah 1:3 (CSB)

##### 3) IF I RUN FROM GOD, \_\_\_\_\_

*"But as the ship was sailing along, suddenly the Lord flung a terrific wind."*  
Jonah 1:4 (TLB)

##### 4) IF I RUN FROM GOD, \_\_\_\_\_

*"A forceful wind into the sea and there was such a mighty storm on the sea that the ship was about to shatter."* Jonah 1:4 (TLV)

*"Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. But all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold."* Jonah 1:5 (NLT)

*"They asked him, 'What terrible thing have you done to bring all this trouble on us?'"* Jonah 1:8 (NIRV)

##### 6. THE LONGER I RUN FROM GOD, \_\_\_\_\_

*"And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, 'What should we do to you to stop this storm?'"* Jonah 1:11 (NLT)

*"Jonah said, 'Throw me overboard, into the sea. Then the storm will stop. It's all my fault. I'm the cause of the storm. Get rid of me and you'll get rid of the storm.'"*  
Jonah 1:12 (MSG)

##### 7. IF I'M FIGHTING GOD'S PLAN, \_\_\_\_\_

*"The sailors tried their best to row to the shore. But they could not do it, and the storm kept getting worse every minute."* Jonah 1:13 (CEV)

##### 8. WHEN I DO WHAT GOD WANTS, \_\_\_\_\_

*"So the men cried to the Lord, 'Lord, please don't let us die because of taking this man's life. Please don't think we are guilty of killing an innocent man. Lord, you have caused all this to happen. You wanted it this way.' Then the men picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea. So the sea became calm."*  
Jonah 1:14-15 (ICB)

##### 9. WHEN I DO WHAT GOD WANTS, \_\_\_\_\_

*"The sailors were awestruck by the Lord's great power, and they offered him a sacrifice and vowed to serve him."* John 1:16 (NLT)

**10. WHEN I ACCEPT MY MISSION, \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.” Jonah 1:17 (NLT)*

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## WHAT TO DO WHEN IT FEELS HOPELESS

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### 7 STEPS FROM JONAH 2:1-10

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.” Jonah 2:1 (NIV)  
 “His disciples asked him privately, ‘Why couldn’t we drive it out?’ He replied, ‘This kind can come out only by prayer.’” Mark 9:28-29 (NIV)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “He said, ‘I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and he answered me.’”  
 Jonah 2:2 (NLT)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.” Jonah 2:3-6 (NIV)

### 8 CAUSES OF HOPELESSNESS

CHECK any that you may be feeling

- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “You hurled me into the depths.”
- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Into the very heart of the seas.”
- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Waves and breakers swept over me.”
- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “The engulfing waters threatened me.”
- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “I have been banished from your sight.”
- FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Look again toward your holy temple.”

**FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.”

**FEELING** \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Barred me in forever.”

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.”  
 Jonah 2:2 (NIV)

“Call to me in times of trouble. I will save you, and you will honor me.”  
 Psalm 50:15 (NCV)

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “When I had lost all hope, I turned my thoughts once more to the Lord. And my earnest prayer went to you in your holy Temple.” Jonah 2:7 (TLB)

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Those who worship worthless idols forfeit the mercy that could be theirs.”  
 Jonah 2:8 (NET)

“You saved me from the pit of death, Lord my God.” Jonah 2:6 (NCV)

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
 “With the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!” Jonah 2:9 (ESV)

- **THROUGH** \_\_\_\_\_
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“For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” Romans 11:29 (NIV)

“So the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.”  
 Jonah 2:10 (AMP)

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## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET A SECOND CHANCE

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### Jonah 3:1-10

"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time." Jonah 3:1 (ESV)

### GOD DELIGHTS IN SHOWING US GRACE & MERCY

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

EVERY NEW DAY \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN GOD GIVES ME ANOTHER CHANCE?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
"I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!" And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land." Jonah 2:9-10 (ESV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **TO GOD**  
"It is good to say thank you to the Lord, to sing praises to God . . . Every morning tell him, 'Thank you for your kindness!'" Psalms 92:1-2 (TLB)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **IN THANKS TO GOD**  
"Those people honor who bring me offerings to show thanks. And I, God, will save those who do that." Psalms 50:23 (NCV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **TO GOD'S MISSION FOR ME**  
"Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes." Romans 6:13 (TLB)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Do not let the grace that you received from God be for nothing!"  
2 Corinthians 6:1 (NCV)

Paul: "I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace." Acts 20:24 (NCV)

"Then the Lord spoke to Jonah again: 'Go to that great city, Nineveh . . . and warn them of their doom, as I told you to before!'" Jonah 3:1-2 (TLB)

Circumstances may change me but \_\_\_\_\_

"God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn; he will never go back on his promises." Romans 11:29 (TLB)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Jonah set out and journeyed to Nineveh in obedience to the command of the Lord." Jonah 3:3 (NCB)

\_\_\_\_\_ **obedience is disobedience**

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
**This is one part of your Life Mission**

"The city was so big that it took three days just to walk through it. After walking for a day, Jonah warned the people." Jonah 3:3-4 (CEV)

**A Warning: cautionary advice about a danger, trap, or problem**

"For three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears!"  
Acts 20:31 (NIV)

"Jonah warned the people, 'Forty days from now, Nineveh will be destroyed!'"  
Jonah 3:4 (NCV)

**We are to humbly accept warnings & lovingly give warnings**

**WHEN?**

1. **WHEN PEOPLE ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **WHEN PEOPLE ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
"The people of Nineveh believed God . . . dressed in sackcloth . . . the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his robe, put on sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he made this announcement and sent it throughout the city: ' . . . No one is to eat or drink anything. Turn from your wicked ways and your acts of violence. Who knows? God may reconsider his plans and turn from his burning anger so that we won't die.' God saw what they did. He saw that they turned from their wicked ways. So God reconsidered his threat to destroy them, and he didn't do it." Jonah 3:5-10 (GW)

"Warn each other every day, while it is still 'today', so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that

*belongs to Christ . . . When you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." Hebrews 3:13-15 (NLT)*

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## WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY

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### 5 MISTAKES THAT MADE JONAH MISERABLE

These make us miserable too

1. **Jonah thought he could ignore his mission. He *ran* from God.**
2. **Jonah was prejudiced against people God created & loved.**
3. **Jonah cared more about his politics than people's salvation.**
4. **Jonah was only interested in his nation, not God's world.**
5. **Jonah reluctantly fulfilled his Mission, but with a bad attitude.**

### 2 MORE MISTAKES: JONAH 4:1-11

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 "When God saw that the people had stopped doing evil things, he had pity and did not destroy them as he had planned. Jonah was really upset and angry. So he prayed." Jonah 3:10-4:2 (CEV)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ "Jonah was really upset and angry." Jonah (CEV)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ "He became furious" Jonah 4:1 (LEB)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ "He complained to the Lord" Jonah 4:2 (NLT)  
 "Now I ask you, Lord, please kill me. For it is better for me to die than to live."  
 Jonah 4:3 (NCV)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ "It is better for me to die than live" Jonah 4:3 (NCV)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ "Lord, please kill me!" Jonah 4:3 (NCV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 "He complained to the Lord about it: 'Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people.'" Jonah 4:2 (NLT)

### WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS DON'T GO MY WAY

1. **REMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Then Lord replied, 'What right do you have to be?'" Jonah 4:4 (CEV)  
  
 "Who are you to question my wisdom? . . . Were you there when I made the world?" Job 38:2-4 (GNT)  
  
 "Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city." Jonah 4:5 (NLT)
2. **REMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
 "The Lord God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant." Jonah 4:6 (NLT)
3. **REMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
 "But then God sent a worm. By dawn of the next day, the worm had bored into the shade tree and it withered away. The sun came up and God sent a hot, blistering wind from the east. The sun beat down on Jonah's head and he started to faint. He prayed to die: 'I'm better off dead!'" Jonah 4:7-8 (MSG)  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Then God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry because the plant died?' 'Yes,' Jonah retorted, 'even angry enough to die!'" Jonah 4:9 (MSG)
4. **REMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
 And the Lord said, "You are so concerned for that plant even though you did nothing to make it grow. It appeared one day, and the next day it died. Then shouldn't I show concern for the great city Nineveh, which has more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know right from wrong, and many animals, too?" Jonah 4:10-11 (NCV)  
  
 "We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."  
 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NCV)