

The Storm That Knows Your Name Jonah 1:4-17

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Some storms come simply because we live in a fallen world.

Others are allowed by God to awaken a wandering heart.

But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. (Jonah 1:4 NKJV)

Jonah chose a ship; God commanded the wind.

They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. (Psalm 107:24-25 NKJV)

God will send a storm to turn His children from a destructive path.

Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that [was] in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. (Jonah 1:5 NKJV)

What we call personal compromise can become someone else's painful storm.

Jonah slept, but his numbness did not make the danger less real.

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." (Ephesians 5:14 NKJV)

The first mercy Jonah needed was not a calmer sea, rather an awakened soul.

So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish." (Jonah 1:6 NKJV)

It's possible to hold correct doctrine while living in practical rebellion.

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin. (James 4:17 NKJV)

Spiritual knowledge without surrendered obedience produces spiritual sleep.

The church shouldn't be so comfortable that the world reminds us to pray.

And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble [has come] upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause [is] this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" So he said to them, "I [am] a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry [land]." Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. (Jonah 1:7-10 NKJV)

The lot fell on Jonah.

The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision [is] from the LORD. (Proverbs 16:33 NKJV)

Jonah could hide below deck, but he could not hide from God.

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things [are] naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we [must give] account. (Hebrews 4:13 NKJV)

God's exposure of sin is not cruel; it is surgical.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJV)

Grace will not allow us to remain comfortably hidden.

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Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"--for the sea was growing more tempestuous. And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest [is] because of me." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. (Jonah 1:11-13 NKJV)

We cannot navigate our way around the will of God.

We become exhausted trying to solve things through effort.

There is a way [that seems] right to a man, But its end [is] the way of death. (Proverbs 14:12 NKJV)

God's will is not the enemy of our joy, His commands lead to life.

Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows. (Jonah 1:14-16 NKJV)

At the beginning of the storm, the men cried to their own god. Now they call upon Yahweh.

Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. (Psalm 107:28-29 NKJV)

God's sovereignty is so complete, human failure cannot thwart His mission.

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17 NKJV)

God's instruments of salvation don't look comfortable.

[If] I take the wings of the morning, [And] dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. (Psalm 139:9-10 NKJV)

God may use confinement to transform us.

The runaway Prophet begins the journey back.

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. (Hosea 6:1 NKJV)

Jonah entered the sea for his rebellion; Jesus entered death in obedience.

Jonah endangered one ship; Jesus died to bring peace and salvation to every nation.

But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 NKJV)

The gospel is not; we save ourselves by rowing harder; it's Jesus entered the storm to bring us safely to God.

For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

We aren't saved by promising to do better, becoming religious, or balancing our failures with good deeds. We're saved by turning from sin, trusting the finished work of the Cross