

WHEN GOD INTERRUPTS

Jonah 1.1-17

JONAH IS ON THE RUN

Jonah is on the run. He knows what he is to do, but he does the opposite. His previous job was to live among God's people and prophesy of God's faithfulness, blessings, and promises. Now God was calling him to God's enemies to prophesy destruction! He was filled with fear and unwilling to trust.

Nahum 3.1

Jonah "finds" a boat going to Tarshish. He knows he can't get away from the Lord, but he wants to get away from His calling and His people.

**Anonymity and isolation is a friend
to those who have something to hide.**

HIDING FROM GOD

Activity is a poor substitute for obedience.

-Sinclair Ferguson

We can very easily make spiritual activity look like we are being or doing godly things. We can look good, fool people, and even fool ourselves, but we cannot fool God. Martin Luther said, concerning Jonah, that "the ship, and even the whole world, was too small for Jonah to hide in."

Psalms 139:7-8 // Jonah 1.1, 6

**Be ready, because there will *always* be a ship in the harbor
waiting to take you elsewhere.**

JESUS, THE GREATER JONAH

Picture this...God says to Jonah, "Arise from your place of comfort, your home, and go to the wicked people so they may be saved." Jonah says "no."

God says to His own Son, "Arise from Your place of comfort, Your home, and go to the wicked people so they may be saved." Jesus says "yes."

- By one man's sacrificial death, a storm saved a ship full of pagans.
- In this story, it was the sins of the man himself,
- But in the Gospel story, it is the actual sins of the world.
- But notice also that Jonah doesn't commit suicide.
- He is put to death, yet willfully.

**You and I, like Jonah, say no. But Jesus said yes.
And it is the yes of Jesus that saves us.**

Psalms 139:9-18

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hosea 6:1

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. **Serving is one of the best ways we experience community** within our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll build friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group on a Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, **Text any amount you'd like to give to 760-621-7323**, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give**, or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall**. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Jonah 1:1-17**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

On Sunday Jobey talked about Jonah setting up boundaries in his heart. Think about and share with your group boundaries that the Lord has revealed in your heart or boundaries you have previously overcome. _____

Jonah wanted to get away, to be on his own and isolate himself from the people in His life. Are there times in your life where you feel the desire to be isolated or a time when you were isolated? Why? What was that season like or what brought you back to community? Explain. _____

When it comes to disobedience, the sermon mentioned how exhausting it can be. But obedience can be exhausting too. From what we know, Jonah seemed to live an obedient life, but wanted to get away and drop all responsibility. **Read 1 Peter 5:10 and Isaiah 40:30-31.** Do you think Jonah forgot where his strength comes from? Do you forget where your strength comes from? _____

Jonah ran from the call of God, but Jesus ran towards the call of God. Thankfully we are not saved by Jonah. Thankfully we are not save by ourselves. We are saved by the blood of the lamb, the one who imputes His perfect obedience on us. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9** _____

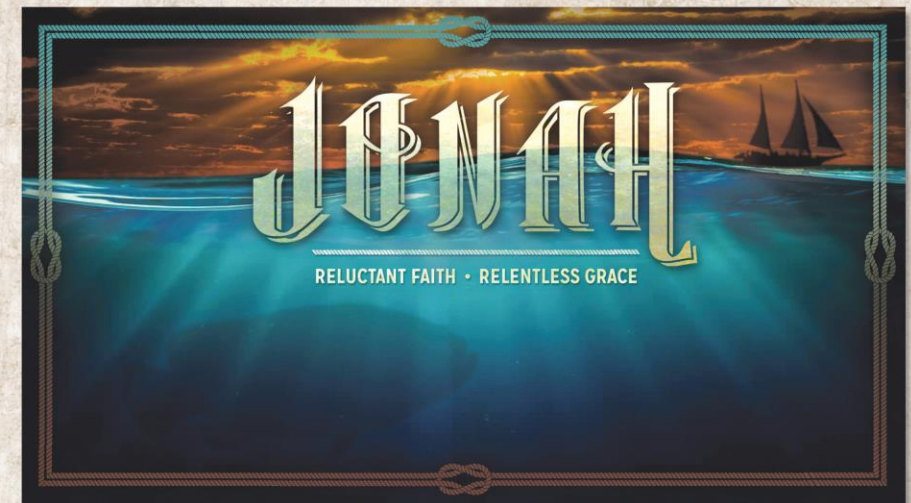
Take some time in your groups to remind each other of the fallen tendencies we all battle and the good news of the Gospel "that He who knew no sin, became sin that we might become the righteousness of God." **P.R.A.Y.** as a group that the Lord would reveal to you people in your life that look a lot like Jonah (other than yourself) and how you can reach out with kindness, compassion and humility knowing that it is God who saves. _____



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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