

God Wants You Back

Jonah: Week 2 Outline

Question: “God is willing to do whatever it takes to bring us back.”

Truth: God will use the difficulties of life to bring us back.

God has many ways to get our attention:

1. God will use the storms in our life.

Jonah 1:4

⁴ Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.

‘God, what are you trying to tell me through this?’

2. Others will experience the consequences of our decisions

Jonah 1:5

⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

3. He could use someone in your life

Jonah 1:6

⁶ The captain went to him...

4. He may convict us in our thoughts and actions

Jonah 1:7-8

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?”

God wants to wake us up out of our Spiritual Slumber!

When we wake up and pay attention

1. We can acknowledge God's presence

Jonah 1:9

⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

2. We will see and understand the sin in our lives.

Jonah 1:9

¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, **"What have you done?"** (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)

3. God still wants you to take action

"If there are 1,000 steps between you and God, God will take 999 of them and leave the last one for you." – Max Lucado