

When Disobeying Your Mission Sinks You

Jonah 2

I. FALSE BELIEFS ABOUT GOD'S CALL

A. God won't ask you to do something you DON'T want to do.

Isaiah 55:8 says:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

B. I'm not worthy nor CAPABLE to do God's work.

Romans 3:23 Says:

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

“God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called” (David Jeremiah).

C. I've said no to God so He will NEVER ask me again.

1. Aren't you glad that we serve a God of second chances?
2. Like Jonah, we have three ways we can live our lives.
 - a. My way
 - b. Your way
 - c. God's way
3. The only way for a Christian to live is God's way.

II. THREE PRAYERS OF JONAH FROM THE FISH'S BELLY

A. Prayer of rescue. Jonah 2:2 *And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.*

B. Prayer of **RESTORATION** (Jonah 2:3-6)

C. Prayer of rededication- Jonah 2:9 says: *But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.*

III. WHY DID JONAH RUN FROM GOD'S MISSIONS?

A. Maybe out of fear (2 Tim. 1:7)

Fear is letting your circumstances come between you and God.

Faith is letting God get between you and your circumstances.

B. Maybe he had too much pride.

C. Perhaps it was insecurity

D. Most likely it was **PREJUDICE**.

1. Assyria was Israel's enemy

2. Jonah would rather side with his culture than side with God.

3. When nationalism is more important than God, we are in big trouble.

“When Christ calls a man he bids him come and die” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

Galatians 2:20 says:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.