



"LUNCHTIME REVIEW"

The Struggle to Obey

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 7, 2015

"WITHOUT GOD, I CAN DO NOTHING"



Jonah 1 "Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, (2) Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. (3) **But Jonah rose up to flee** unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD."

A CLEAR VISION

- A prophet is _____
- Did this prophet know the assignment? (Verse 2) _____. Should knowing a clear vision assist the prophet on this mission? How is having a clear vision relevant to your assignment?

- (Verse 2) Jonah's assignment was _____
- Can we move forward in our assignment without having all the details? _____

- Was there any possibility that Jonah could actually "outrun" God (Verse 3)? Why do you suppose he chose OPTION B, "to flee"? _____

1. THERE IS NOWHERE I CAN GO _____!

A SPIRITUAL IMPASSE

What is an impasse? _____

Evidently, the prophet was not _____ with God's decision.

What is rebellion? _____

RECONSIDER THE MISSION

Do you think if Jonah knew **the consequences** of his actions that he would run? _____

Jonah 3:3 ... "3 days journey"



Jonah 4:11 ... "six-score thousand persons"

2. GOD IS _____!

Psalm 139:7-8 "Wither shall I go from

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thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? (8) If I ascend into heaven... If I make my bed in hell... thou art there." _____

3. GOD HAS _____!

- a. Verse 4: "But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea and there was a mighty tempest in the sea so that the ship was like to be broken."

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY STORM?

LIST THE COMPONENTS OF JONAH'S "SEA" EXPERIENCE:

1 Corinthians 14:33 "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace..."

4. GOD SPEAKS _____!

Hebrews 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (3) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high..."

Sundry: diverse; various; of different kinds; to use someone or something for your own purposes.

God does not simply use the _____ to speak to man.

5. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE _____

FACING THE TRUTH / THE REST IS UP TO YOU

CAN I LEARN FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S MISTAKES? _____

Why did God make Jonah's testimony public? _____

HOW HAS THIS LESSON HELPED ME? _____

Luke 11:30, "As Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of Man be to this generation."

Prayer