

Fear of God

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GO TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME FOR GOD?

OVERVIEW

WHO are the characters?

WHEN do the events happen?

WHERE do the events take place?

WHY do these events occur?

WHAT is the point of this story?

DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD REVEALS A DEFECTIVE FEAR OF GOD.

JONAH 1:1-16:

1 The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:
What the Lord says:

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3 But Jonah . . .
What Jonah does:

4 Then the Lord . . .
What the Lord does:

5 All the sailors . . .
How they responded:

But Jonah . . .
How he responds:

6 The captain . . .
What he says:

7 Then the sailors . . .
How they respond:

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9 He answered . . .
How Jonah answers:

10 This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?"
Why they were terrified:

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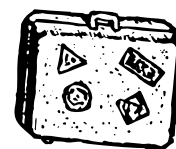
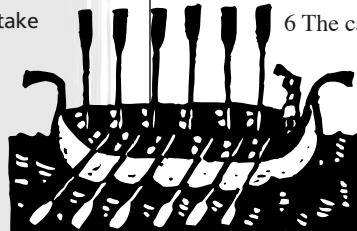
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13 Instead, the men . . .
List the responses of the sailors:

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16 At this . . .
What the result is:



POINT OF VIEW

Jonah



1. **KNOW:** If you were Jonah, the prophet, what might you have known about God?

2. **FEEL:** What might you have felt in response to God's commission? During the storm?

3. **DO:** How did Jonah respond to God? Why?

POINT OF VIEW

The Sailors

1. **KNOW:** If you were one of the sailors, what would you know about God?

2. **FEEL:** What would you be feeling during the storm? After the storm?

3. **DO:** How did the sailors respond to God? Why?

WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT
GENUINE FEAR OF THE LORD?



REFLECT: WHEN WHAT I WANT CONFLICTS
WITH WHAT GOD WANTS, WHO WINS?

JONAH'S COMMISSION WAS CLEAR:

Go to Nineveh and preach.

JONAH 1:2

OUR COMMISSION IS CLEAR:

Go make disciples of all nations.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

SELF PORTRAIT

How am I currently saying "yes" to God's commission for me?

Where have I drawn the line, saying "no" to God's commission for me?

What does this reveal about my "fear of the Lord"?