

## Running with Jonah

### Jonah 1-4

- The story of Jonah is a beautiful story and fun to tell in Bible School
- 766 BC – Amos
- 760 BC – Jonah
- 753 BC – Hosea
- Introduced (somewhat) to Jonah in 1:1

#### **1. Running Away – Jonah 1**

- 1 – God’s Word came to Jonah
- 2 – go to wicked Nineveh and preach
- 3 – Jonah got up and went the opposite way
- 4 – God knew; sent a great wind to Jonah
- 5 – people on ship worried; Jonah asleep
- 6 – Why are you asleep? Call on your God!
- 7 – casting lots, fell on Jonah – his fault
- 8 – giving Jonah the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- 9 – Hebrew, fears the Lord (doesn’t act so)
- 10 – why have you done this to us??
- 11 – what shall we do??
- 12 – cast me into the sea (how did he know?)
- 13 – tried not to throw him in
- 14 – cried unto the Lord
- 15 – Jonah in sea = calm winds
- 16 – men on ship now fear the Lord
- 17 – God is not done with Jonah yet

## **2. The Prayer – Jonah 2**

- 1 – in the depths he prays (we do, too!)
- 2 – God heard him
- 3 – God cast him into the sea
- 4 – looking forward to being in service to God
- 5 – waters passed over him
- 6 – life brought from corruption
- 7 – I remembered the Lord
- 8 – vanities = forsake mercy
- 9 – sacrifice with voice of praise
- 10 – Jonah on dry ground

## **3. Running With – Jonah 3**

- 1 – same instructions
- 2 – preach what I tell you in Nineveh
- 3 – Jonah did; Nineveh large
- 4 – 40 days & Nineveh is overthrown
- 5 – people believe and repent
- 6 – word reaches the king; he repents
- 7 – king proclaims a fast
- 8 – everyone to repent
- 9 – must do – who can tell?
- 10 – God saw their repentance and ceases the impending destruction of Nineveh

## **4. Running Ahead – Jonah 4**

- 1 – Jonah not happy – WRONG ATTITUDE
- 2 – Jonah knew God was gracious
- 3 – take my life – better to die than live
- 4 – God: What benefit is your anger?
- 5 – Jonah sits outside of city to watch destruction
- 6 – God: makes gourd for shade; Jonah happy

- 7 – God made a worm next day to eat gourd
- 8 – God made a vehement wind; Jonah again wishes to die
- 9 – God again questions Jonah’s anger
- 10 – “You had pity on the gourd and did nothing for it!”
- 11 – “You should be joyous for the work you did in Nineveh!”

**Lessons:**

1. Don’t run away from God. He is still there even if you run away!
2. No matter where you are in life, from highs to lows, there is always time for meaningful prayer.
3. It is not enough to just be sorry over sin, we must repent!
4. Don’t get ahead of God – He knows the way and we don’t!
5. We should always be joyous when a soul repents, regardless of who they are/were!

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