

# BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

## SERMON OUTLINE

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SERIES#3 - UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JONAH

### THE PREACHER ON THE RUN “And the Results of God’s Discipline”

#### Jonah 1:10-16

Thus far in vs. 1-3, we saw **The Preacher on the Run**, then in vs. 4-9 we learned of **The Consequences of Disobedience** now today from vs. 10-16, we learn of **The Results of God’s Discipline**.

Let me be very clear here that every storm that comes into our lives is not because we have been disobedient or that God disciplines us because we are on the run from His will. Remember that the disciples were in a great storm in *Mark 4:35-41*.

What good comes from discipline? Do we learn from God’s discipline? Are we changed by God’s discipline? This text reveals some results of God’s discipline.

#### I. THE INQUIRY OF THE LOST *Vs. 10-11*

##### A. They Asked a Personal Question *V-10*

Jonah was trying to out run the God who made everything. “*Why have you done this?*” could be translated “*You’re an idiot!*” Sailors asked: *Why have you fled from God?*

##### B. They Asked a Pertinent Question *V-11*

Storms Raging in lives today included things like... We are called on to live in a godly manner so that the lost may inquire about our great God and the salvation that He offers. Remember what Jesus said in *Matthew 5:13-16*.

Next the Bible reveals in *verses 12-13*:

#### II. THE INSTRUCTION TO THE LOST *Vs. 12-13*

##### A. The Result of Sin *V-12*

Sin always brings consequences and for a child of God it always brings discipline. The preacher was willing to die rather to see lost people get saved. ***Don’t ever ask a backslidden Christian anything about spiritual matters.***

##### B. The Response of the Sailors *V-13*

The men did not obey the voice of Jonah. They knew that if they threw Jonah overboard that he would die. The sailors exerted great effort to bring the ship to shore.

Jonah was the baggage that was to be jettisoned. God’s discipline in a believer’s life will always bring an **inquiry** by the lost, then bring **instruction** to the lost; and in *verses 14-16*, we notice the third result of God’s discipline.

#### III. THE INTERCESSION OF THE LOST *Vs. 14-16*

##### A. The Contents of Their Prayers *v-14*

###### 1. What They Requested *14a*.

The sailors turned to Jonah’s God; prayed to Jonah’s God and sought forgiveness from Jonah’s God.

In the first part of *verse 14*, we’ve examined what they requested. In the last part of *verse 14*, we see:

###### 2. What They Realized *V-14b*

When God calls us for salvation; He commissions us for service; He expects our faithful obedience to Him in every area of our lives. It wasn’t Jonah’s witness that brought the sailors to Jesus, but it was Jehovah’s work that brought the sailors to salvation.

##### B. The Consequences to the Prophet *V-15*

The wayward prophet finally got his wish. As far as Jonah was concerned, he was ready to die as long as he didn’t have to go to Nineveh.

##### C. The Consecration of the People *V-16*

The sailors greatly feared the Lord. These sailors came to know *Yahweh* in a personal way. The consecration of the people came through faith in Jonah’s God. These sailors saw the storm rage and then they saw the storm subside. God’s work in the prophet’s life made a lasting impression on these sailors.

There were three characteristics of their worship:

1. **The Motivation of worship** - They had fear for the Lord
2. **The Verification of worship** - They offered a sacrifice
3. **The Consecration of worship** - They made vows unto God