

Title: **A Stormy Situation**
Text: **Jonah 1:4-17**
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Big Idea

Difficult circumstances often reveal the true condition(s) of our heart and soul. However, it is in those circumstances we need to know and be reminded of God's sovereignty and mercy to us through Jesus.

Previously in Jonah 1:1-3, we saw God's command for Jonah to preach to the great (and evil) city of Nineveh to show His mercy to them. Instead of obeying God and showing compassion towards Nineveh, Jonah attempts to flee as far away as he can on a ship...

1. Jonah's A_____ (vv. 5b, 9, 12)

D_____: Jonah feels at "peace" even while living contrary to God's will (v.5b)

H_____: Jonah does not live by faith even though he identifies as a believer (v.9)

S_____: Jonah does not repent even though he understands he is guilty (v.12)

2. The Sailor's S_____ (vv.5a, 6-8, 10-16)

The Sailors P_____ (vv. 5, 14)

The Sailors Show M_____ to Jonah (v.13)

The Sailors W_____ God (vv. 5, 10, 14-15)

3. God's C_____ (vv. 4, 7, 15, 17)

The S_____ of God

The M_____ and L_____ of God for All

Reflection Questions

- In what ways might you be like Jonah in his apathy towards God and the people around him - in general, but also specifically in regards to God's commission for us to make disciples of all peoples?
- Jonah's attitude and behavior looks even worse when compared with those of the sailors. Sometimes our behavior doesn't measure up even to the standard of those around us (who aren't Christians). Are there any areas of your life where this is happening at the moment?
- Do you see any of your non-Christian friends, family, coworkers, classmates, etc. showing a particular sensitivity to God or spiritual matters -- or perhaps do you find yourself resonating with the sailors?
- In what ways do you need to be reminded of God's sovereignty? Even when it comes to redeeming and using your sinful (disobedient) past for His glory and the spread of His gospel?
- How does this morning's passage point you back to Jesus and the Gospel this morning?

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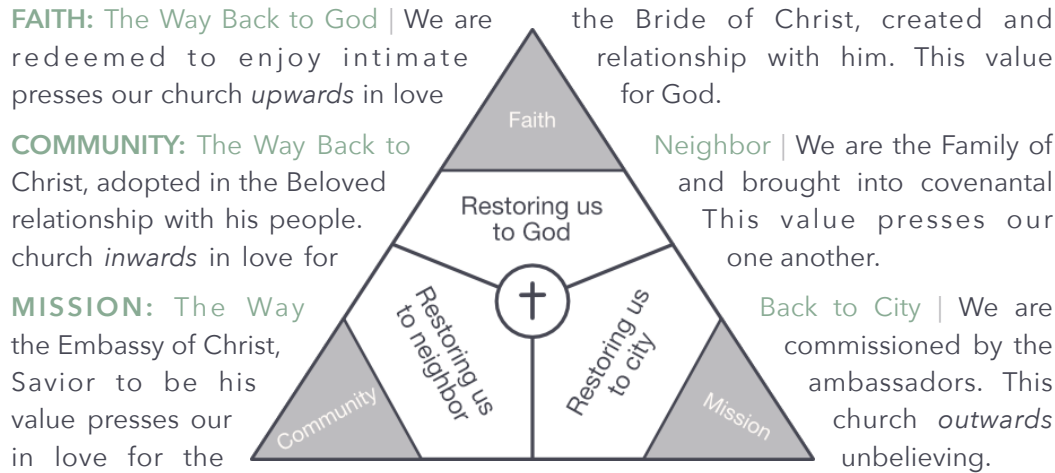


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Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hangout - Today!

Meaningful community is hard to find in Silicon Valley, even in the church. Our congregation is spread out all over the city. But there is one day of every week when we all commit to gather together and worship our God: Sunday. It seems strategic to take this pre-existing momentum and work with it in an attempt to develop deeper community within our body. Therefore, on occasional Sundays throughout the year we will invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

Today's Plan: After service, bring or buy your lunch and join us at the tables out back for a picnic-style afternoon.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

All Church Prayer - Tonight @ 6:00 p.m.!

Prayer is the start of everything good (Acts 1:14). It is the death of self-reliance and the lifeline of faith. It is the moving of our eyes outward and upward. It is the stretch of our empty hands towards a Father rich in mercy. As a church we prioritize this regular prayer meeting because of our deep-seated conviction that, while man can plant and water, it is only God who can cause the growth (1 Cor. 3:7).

This Sunday's prayer meeting will be held in-person at the Wilson Residence. Find more info on our Communications Hub (QR code below).

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