

July 10, 2016
Jonah 1:4-16

THE COST AND CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEDIENCE

I. Introduction

- There are always consequences for sin

II. Four Principles of Consequences That We Learn From Jonah

A. God Loves You Too Much to Let You Remain

⁴ Then **the LORD sent** a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.”
Jonah 1:4

B. A Believer's _____ Always Involves Others.

⁵ **All the sailors** were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.” Jonah 1:5

C. _____ Leaves Us Powerless Before the Storms.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down **and fell into a deep sleep.** ⁶ The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? **Get up and call on your god!** Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.” Jonah 1:5b-6

**D. You Can Not Live A _____ Life
and It Not Show.**

⁷ “Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah” ⁸ So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?” ⁹ He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.” ¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) ¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” ¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.” ¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried to the LORD, “O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased.” ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.” Jonah 1:7-16

III. Conclusion and Application:

1. God Loves You Too Much to Let Remain In Disobedience.
2. A Believer’s Disobedience Always Involves Others.
3. Disobedience Leaves Us Powerless Before the Storms.
4. You Can Not Live A Disobedient Life and It Not Show.

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of July 10th to 16th
The Cost And Consequences Of Disobedience
Jonah 1:1-2:10

Open It

1. What is your idea of the perfect "get away from all your troubles" location?
2. What good or bad thoughts do you associate with fish?
3. *When have you been rescued from a difficult situation?

Explore It

4. What did God tell Jonah to do? (1:1-2)
5. *How did Jonah respond to God? (1:3)
6. What happened at sea? (1:4-5)
7. What was Jonah's condition as the storm raged? (1:5-6)
8. What did the sailors do? (1:7)
9. How did Jonah respond to the sailors' barrage of questions? (1:8-9)
10. What made the men terrified? (1:10)
11. How did the sailors appeal to Jonah? (1:11)
12. Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea? (1:12)
13. What happened following Jonah's penitent admission? (1:13-16)

14. What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah? (1:17)
15. *Once inside the fish, how did Jonah respond to God's rescue? (2:1-9)
16. What was Jonah's attitude toward God? (2:7-9)
17. *How did God finally deliver Jonah? (2:10)

Get It

18. When have you not wanted to obey God?
19. When has God called you to serve Him in ways that were unattractive or unpleasant to you?
20. What rebellious attitudes have you ever had toward the Lord?
21. What opportunities do you have to tell others about faith in Christ?
22. What are your feelings toward the unbelievers around you?
23. *How has God pursued you when you have tried to avoid Him?
24. *When have bad circumstances turned out for your good?
25. How do you feel when you know that you are being obedient to the Lord's call?

Apply It

26. What can you do to respond with obedience to God the next time you must do something good but unpleasant?
27. How can you share the gospel with others at work? among your family? among your neighbors?
28. *How do you want to thank the Lord right now for all the remarkable ways He has delivered you?