

LIVING AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

"We Are Jonah"

THEMES OF JONAH

The two major themes of this book are GRACE and SIN

JONAH'S BACKGROUND

- A. Who is Jonah? His name means DOVE or "PEACEFUL ONE"
 - * Son of Amittai: a prophet whose name means "TRUTH"
 - * Therefore Jonah means: PEACEFUL PROPHET OF TRUTH
- B. Where was he from? GATHHEPHER
 - * GATHHEPHER was 5 miles away from Nazareth... it was a very small town
- C. What is NINEVEH? The last great Capital city of Assyria
- D. So what is God asking of Jonah?

THEMES OF JONAH: SIN AND GRACE

- A. God CALLS- We RUN
 - * The WORD of the Lord came to Jonah: what does that mean?
- B. We RUN- SIN is running from God
 - * Jonah runs to TARSHISH- modern day Spain which is 2500 miles away (west)
- C. God PERSUES us- this is His GRACE
 - * God will send a STORM to wake us up

Jonah is sleeping downstairs

3 questions to ask yourself:

1. Have you BELIEVED the lie about your own sin?
 2. Are you SLEEPING through the storms?
 3. How do you INTERPRET those storms?
- D. If God PERSUES you even when you RUN it means that you are an object of His MERCY. If He did not pursue you when you ran you would be an object of His WRATH.
 - E. Because of GRACE our SIN is exposed
 - * "There is no REFUGE from God, only REFUGE in God"

God calls we run.
We run because of sin,
He pursues us because He loves us
and wants us to be restored.

Read together
Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

You will be true to Jacob,
and show mercy to Abraham,
as you pledged on oath to our fathers
in days long ago.

Say together:
We are Jonah