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holds DIVINE opportunity.



Jonah 1:1-4 [NIV]

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

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 1:9 [NIV]

⁹ He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

God will always use HIS power
to facilitate HIS purpose.

Jonah 1:13-16 [NIV]

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 out to the Lord, “Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, 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.

Where is God wanting your ATTENTION for His purpose?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

:: Identify/Share a time you tried to avoid, or run from, something God wanted you to do. What happened?

:: What did you learn as a result?

:: Pastor Shawn said, “Every earthly dynamic holds divine opportunity.”

:: What might be some implications of that truth for how we live?

:: How have you personally experienced this reality, or not?

:: Read/Reread Jonah 1.

:: What do you find most meaningful for you in this initial chapter?

:: In what ways do you identify with Jonah, or not?

:: What divine opportunities do you see within this narrative?

:: What are things that distract us from living into those opportunities?

:: What are some ways we can avoid those & better focus our attention?

:: Identify 1 way Jesus is wanting to get your attention for His purpose this week.

Psalm 139:7-10 (NIV)

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

*8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths,
you are there.*

*9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,*

*10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.*

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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