

# My Mariners

## Jonah Part 2

Okay then, here we go. Welcome back. Last week we talked about running from what God wants us to do. We discovered Jonah refusing to preach to Israel's enemies. Simply --- disobedience to God's call on his life. Once you belong to God, God has a way of getting His way.

### ***Jonah chapter 1***

Let's pick up where we left off. Last week we covered verses 1-3. Sorry, if we are going to fast. ☺

### ***Jonah 1:4-9***

1) Have you ever been troubled by other people's problems?

Let's break this down. Trouble can come in many forms.

- Loved ones can become ill.
- Someone close can lose their car.
- Family members may fight.
- Someone may have an addiction.
- You may know/work with someone lazy.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ has troubles/problems that affect me.

2a) What problem/trouble did Jonah have that affected the mariners?

2b) Was Jonah justified, or is it easy to understand his position?

### ***Genesis 3:1-13***

You know, we also often affect people with our poor behavior. We can trace it back to Adam and Eve, right? Did their sin affect Cain and Abel?

Did Cain's troubles affect Adam and Eve? How about Seth?.....

The idea we can gather here is sin --- our troubles ---- affect others.

3a) What problem/trouble did Eve put upon us?

3b) Was Eve justified (tricked), or is it easy to understand her position?

You know, as humans, it is easy to recognize why it is okay to do some things.

As Christians our goal is not to become Jonah. As we discovered last week, there may be things God is asking us to do, or imploring us not to do.....

Tonight's point is the obvious.

4) (Personal internal question) What problem/trouble are you bringing to others?

Who are your mariners?

*Sin does not dance alone*

- Sexual sin affects others.
- Addiction affects others.
- Unforgiveness affects others.
- Untruth --- well....
- Selfishness affects others.
- Greed affects others.
- What personal behavior/characteristic.....?

Don't get me wrong, I do not want you to feel bad about having struggles. Sometimes our bank account may be woefully low.

----- Spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally, volitionally-----

If you don't want to be a Jonah....

5) What is your solution?

Listen, I am here to challenge you. If you are not challenged, you are not listening. Don't let our time together be a waste.

The solution is a basic roadmap.

1. Identify the issue.
2. Seek out whomever can help you solve it.
3. Leave the mariners out of it, if they can't help with the solution.

Okay, next week we are going to talk about consequence and positive outcomes!

God is always at the heart of the solution.

Let's pray.

**Next Tuesday Bible Study – CANCELED**  
**In TWO weeks: Jonah 3- "Healing Troubles"**