

Sunday Morning | April 10, 2016



THE POWER OF SEVERE MERCY

JONAH 1:1-17 (NASB)

QUESTION: How do I change my life and get going in the right direction?

I. THE CALL TO CHANGE

TRUTH: The answer of "yes" to each call releases more power for change into our lives.

TRUTH: God is very strong-willed and doesn't quit easily.

INSIGHT: A Jonah storm is the inevitable event to running away from God's call for your life.

II. THE INEVITABLE JERKED RUG

INSIGHT: When you'd rather die than live the life God calls you to, things only get worse (Proverbs 27:8; Jonah 1:17).

TRUTH: The story of Jonah is a God-thing, a book of miracles.

III. ENGULFED BY GRACE

TRUTH: The fish engulfed Jonah to keep him from death and break his stubborn will.

TRUTH: To do an about-face is biblical repentance.

INSIGHT: Your Jonah storm is a severe mercy designed to break your stubborn will.

IV. PRAYER OF SURRENDER IS THE WAY OUT (Jonah 1:9-10).

TRUTH: Answering God's call is so difficult because it requires a death to self-will.