

## **“Jonah: The man who didn’t want to”**

### **Jonah 1-4**

### **I. The Story**

### **II. Jonah’s Experience is the Common Experience**

#### **A) Our Rebellious Nature**

- **It is too hard**
- **I am tired of doing the noble thing**
- **I don’t want to work on character**
- **I would rather die than have to obey and consequently “want” good for others**
  - 1) Unbelieving Sailors: Jonah 1:11-12
  - 2) Lost Ninevites: Jonah 4:2-3
- **I am going to disobey so I will remain on my own**
- **Why do I have to continually disadvantage myself to advantage others?**  
John 21:21-22

#### **B) Our Victorious Savior**

- “I don’t want to do what I \_\_\_\_\_ God wants me to do”**  
Luke 22:41-42

### **III. A God who Leaves Nothing Unfinished**

- **God Exposing Serious Prejudices**  
Jonah 3:10 - 4:1
- **God will go to Extreme Measures to Save you from Yourself**  
2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God is Capable of Doing Far Greater Than You Imagine**  
Jonah 3:6
- **God is always doing something bigger than your situation**  
Jonah 4:11
- **End Game is the only game that ultimately counts**

### **IV. What Should I Do?**

- A) **Help me with my unbelief** Mark 9:24
- B) **Remind Yourself of the Big Five**
  - 1) **He is ALL Good** Psalm 106:1; Exodus 34:6
  - 2) **He is ALL Wise** Genesis 41:12
  - 3) **He is ALL Perfect** Deuteronomy 32:3-4
  - 4) **He is ALL Sovereign** Acts 4:27-28
  - 5) **He Loves You – at ALL Times**
- C) **Stay in the Moment** Exodus 16:21
- D) **Read the Psalms** Psalm 42:9-11
- E) **Memorize His Promises and Pray them back to Him** Psalm 128:1