

Running, It Can Be Easy

Jonah 1:1-17

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Facts

- Jesus believed this account to be historical and accurate.
- Jonah was a prophet of God from around 800 BC to 750 BC.
- He was a real dude.
- He loved his nation.

Today on Yom Kippur, Jews will read Jonah and say, we are Jonah.

This happens in Israel today, understating that we all have this heart of rebelliousness in us.

- Jonah is a story about God, His love, His pursuit of showing mercy and sends you out on mission.

3 Things You Need To Know About Running From God

1. God gives you a mission.

Jonah 1:1 - "The word of the Lord came to Jonah"

- God still speaks today.

Understand

- There are doors that God didn't open, but the enemy has opened.
- If you are intent on running from God, there will always be a ship ready to help you.

2. What happens when we disobey and run from the mission?
3. God pursues the rebellious person.
 - When God brings conviction, its purpose is not to pay you back, but to bring you back.

Be Clear

- Our rebellion does affect those that are near us.

How To Know What Kind Of Storm I'm In

- Common storms to us all
- Christian suffering
- Carnal suffering

Understanding The Difference Between Condemnation And Conviction

- For those in Christ, condemnation comes from the enemy, conviction comes from a good God
- Condemnation is a general cloud of shame that says this is your identity.,

"Conviction wants you to run to God"

Why Send The Big Fish?

- More than just a messenger to tell the story, we are beloved sons and daughters of the great God.