



## WHO'S ON YOUR SHIP?

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The tempest may rage. The winds may howl, and the waves may toss the ship of our life around from time to time. The fact of the matter is that regardless of your status as a child of God, you will face tremendous problems and struggles in life. Of course, some problems are brought on by bad choices and sinful activities, but even the most godly see the rage of the sea from time to time.

Sometimes God sends trouble as a way of waking us up and getting us to pay attention to our course. You can see this fact when looking at His dealings with His people all through the Old Testament. When Israel began to sway, God would allow trouble to strike, which in turn caused them to seek Him and turn from sin. This pattern continued all through the Old Testament.

An illustration can be seen in the story of Jonah. Do you remember how that God commanded Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and warn them that they would be destroyed in 40 days? Jonah, however because of

his hatred towards that city, ran the other way and went towards Tarshish, which is located in present day southern Spain. He did not want to give the city of Nineveh the opportunity to repent, and he hoped to wait it out as far away as possible.

The Bible tells us, "But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain

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### Service Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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# TODAY'S WORSHIP

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## PRAYER LIST

### HEALTH

Sarah Adams Franny Lagrand  
Josh Becker Bob Meiers  
Michelle Becker Gaylin Miller  
Bill Brown Mike Miller  
Ed Brown Don Philips  
Dawn Copes Hallie Philips  
Delaney Diggs Sharron Presley  
Michael Doty Cora Shrake  
Ann Egan Shirley Ukena  
Shirley Engold Raymond Warfel  
Dan Franklin Don Whitaker  
John Geer Rhonda Wood  
Tom Haines Ron Wood  
George Hauser Mark Young  
Keith Hodges  
Skylar Huffstutler  
Erin Jones  
Beula Keppler

### ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

Rudie Miller  
Blake Woolard

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### MORNING

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Opening Prayer	Don Phillips
Lord's Table	Bob Calvert
Assist	David Craig
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Don Craig
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Arnold Miller

### EVENING

Song Leader	Eric Whitaker
Opening Prayer	Bob Calvert
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	David Craig

## TODAY'S SERMON:

### THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: THE DANGER OF NOT MATURING

"For though by the time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food"

**- Heb 6:12**

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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If I stop to think BEFORE I speak, I'll not need to worry AFTERWARD about what I said BEFORE.

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down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.” (Jonah 1:4-6)

The story goes on to tell us that the crew began to cast lots to see who brought that evil on them, and the lot fell on Jonah. Jonah confesses to them that he indeed is the troubled passenger that brought the rage upon them. He implored them to cast him off the ship, which they were reluctant to do so at first but after so much turbulence finally pushed him overboard.

This teaches us something about our lives. When we have sin in our life and the turbulence of trouble come upon us, it takes the tossing of that sin overboard before we can find relief. Like them, we try to appease God by tossing over the cargo first. We say we will give up this luxury or give up that want and hopefully show God that we are miserable as if this is what God wants. When in reality it is the sin in our life that God truly wants us to remove.

But even the most godly of people still have difficult troubles; what do these people need to do? Let us look at another illustration found in the Scriptures.

Luke records to us that Jesus and His disciples departed on a ship, “and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing! And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to

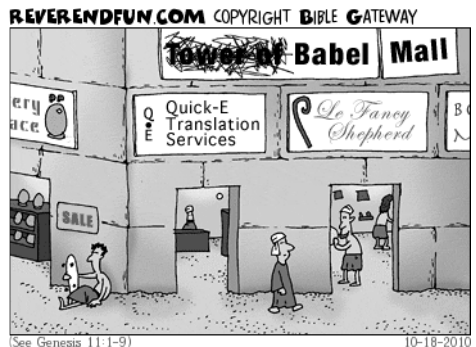
them, Where is your faith? And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?” (Luke 8:22-25)

This illustration shows us a completely different picture. Deep in side the ship sleeping was the Creator of the seas rather than a disobedient servant. The seas still became turbulent, but when Jesus is on board the ship the turbulence must obey His voice!

This is where we must turn when our life is filled with trouble. We must grab on to the one that can save us from those troubles. Remember, the ship cannot go down as long as Jesus is on board.

If deep down in your ship sleeping you have Jonah and not Jesus, I plea with you to throw your sins overboard and let Christ dwell in its place. You can do this by trusting in the work of Christ and being obedient to His commands. Turn away from your sins and become one with Christ in baptism. (Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-4; Gal 3:27)

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(See Genesis 11:1-9)

# Sermon Notes

