



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 25 Sept 2022 Jonah Sermon 2

Please read Jonah 1.1-17

1. What had most impact on you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Read again v4. Why does God act in this way?
3. How is God's pursuit of Noah like that of the Shepherd in Psalm 23 and the Shepherd recovering the lost sheep in Jesus Parable?

"If we reject the call and leading of God as he speaks to us from scripture, from teaching and prophesy from dreams and pictures – He may next choose to speak to us through a great wind. Why? – Because he loves you and is passionately committed to rescuing you – to the goodness of his right paths."

4. How does this make you feel about God and his active shepherding of you?
5. Read again v5-6. Who's suffering here as a consequence of Jonah being spiritually 'checked out' instead of being spiritually 'switched on'? How does this speak to you?
6. Read again v7-9. Why does Jonah's reply in v9 sound hollow?
7. In v10, why are the sailors terrified?
8. Read again v5, 6, 11-14. What do you think of the actions of the sailors? Some people have compared their actions to that of the Good Samaritan and Jonah's to that of one of the Priests who walk past the injured man on the other side of the road – can you see why?
9. Read again v15-17. What do you think is different about the sailor's fear in v16 as compared with their fear of the storm (v5) and their terror at Jonah's disobedience against God (v10)?

10. Spend some time worshipping God using the lyrics from Reckless Love...

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up - Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down - Coming after me