

**‘Christians Asleep in a Nation Running from God’**

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Text: Jonah 1

*‘The sailors were afraid, and each cried out to his god. They threw the ship’s cargo into the sea to lighten the load. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down to the lowest part of the vessel and had stretched out and fallen into a deep sleep.’ Jonah 1:5b*

**Introduction**

1. Today we celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of our nation.
  - a. Consider the promise of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.’ Psalm 33:12, NKJV*  
*‘Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.’ Proverbs 14:34*
  - b. Consider the certainty of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.’ Psalm 9:17, NKJV*
2. Today we \_\_\_\_\_ a powerful Bible story.
  - a. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ story with real \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ referenced this story.  
*‘For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.’ Matthew 12:40*
3. Today we draw parallels from the story to \_\_\_ current condition.
  - a. We should \_\_\_\_\_ from the past.  
*‘Now these things became examples for us, so that we will not desire evil as they did.’ 1 Corinthians 10:6*
  - b. We should \_\_\_\_\_ to our Lord!  
*‘Stay awake and pray, so that you won’t enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Matthew 26:41*

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1. Jonah had a clear \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (vs. 1-2)
2. Jonah \_\_\_\_\_ from God in clear disobedience. (v. 3)
3. The Lord ran after Jonah with a \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4)
4. Jonah was \_\_\_\_\_ in the depths of the boat. (v. 5)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ developed in the unbelieving captain. (v. 6)
6. Jonah’s disobedience was \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 7-8)
7. Jonah bore \_\_\_\_\_ to them of the Lord. (v. 9)
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ were looking for answers. (vs. 10-11)
9. Jonah knew the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 12)
10. The people knew who was \_\_\_\_\_ when it was over. (v. 16)

**Conclusion**

1. We have become \_\_\_\_\_ and apathetic.  
*‘Do you see what we’ve got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. He’s actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won’t quit until it’s all cleansed. God himself is Fire!’ Hebrews 12:28-29, The Message*
2. These are \_\_\_\_\_ and deadly days.  
*‘If you do nothing in a difficult time, your strength is limited.’ Proverbs 24:10*  
*‘But know this: difficult times will come in the last days.’ 2 Timothy 3:1*
3. It’s time to pray and \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus!  
*‘For the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, ‘Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.’ Ephesians 5:14, NLT*