



Big Idea:
The longer our rebellion lasts, the harder it is to repent.

- ◆ In this passage, we see the nature and characteristics of **REBELLION** against God.

v. 1-2

- ◆ Rebellion happens when we knowingly and intentionally reject God's clear desire for our lives.

v. 3

- ◆ God says go east and preach; Jonah tries to go west and hide.
- ◆ Rebellion Defined (Part A) – Rebellion means refusing to do what you know God **WILLS**
- ◆ People in rebellion—whether they realize it or not—will find themselves attempting to hide from the Lord.
- ◆ Attempting to flee from God is a lost cause (Psalm 139:7-12).
- ◆ When we rebel against God's clear will for our lives, we find ourselves in places where we know we don't belong.
- ◆ In this world, rebellion against God will always find **OPPORTUNITY**
- ◆ Rejecting God's will is never free—it always costs us something.
- ◆ Rebellion Defined (Part B) – Rebellion against God is deliberately **CHOOSING** to do what you know is wrong.
- ◆ Every rebellion against God can be traced back to sinful choices we deliberately make.

v. 4

- ◆ The reason for this storm is to bring Jonah to **REPENTENCE**
- ◆ God loves us too much to allow us to live comfortably in rebellion.

v. 5

- ◆ Our rebellion against God doesn't hurt just us. It almost always harms the people closest to us.
- ◆ Jonah is so intent upon his rebellion, that he either doesn't notice or doesn't care about the people he is hurting in the process.
- ◆ People in rebellion against God increasingly fall **ASLEEP** to what really matters.

v. 6

- ◆ NLT – *“How can you sleep at a time like this?”*
- ◆ *Is there rebellion in your life that is wreaking havoc on the people closest to you? Are you “sleeping” while they suffer?*
- ◆ The captain implored him to do what he should have wanted to do in the first place, and Jonah refuses.
- ◆ People in rebellion against God refuse and ignore wise **COUNSEL**

v. 7-9

- ◆ The storm is so intense that these sailors are convinced that there is divine retribution at work, and they want to know why.

v. 10-11

- ◆ When rebellion takes root, it blinds people to reality (Ezekiel 14:4).

v. 12

- ◆ This is the response of self-destructive **SELFISHNESS** It is Jonah saying to God, “I'd rather die than do what you've asked!”
- ◆ Jonah knew that this deadly storm was his fault, yet he put the lives of everyone around him in grave danger.
- ◆ People in rebellion tend to become increasingly selfish.

v. 13

- ◆ Those who are close to rebellious people grieve over the self-destruction that they seem to ignore.

v. 14-16

- ◆ Jonah's rebellion goes so far overboard that he is cast into the sea.
- ◆ *Is your life going overboard in rebellion against God?*
- ◆ Jonah needed only to bow before God and **REPENT**
- ◆ Remember: *The longer our rebellion lasts, the harder it gets to repent.*