FBMC Bible Study

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“***Walking in the Grace of God”***

***JONAH***

Jonah chapter 1

**Jonah 1: 1-3 (NKJV)** *Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,*

***2****“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”****3****But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.*

* Where did God want Jonah to go and why was God sending Jonah there?
* Why do you think Jonah decided to disobey God’s command in going to the place God was sending him?
* Have you ever disobeyed a command from God of sharing His message? What kind of command was it? Why did you disobey God’s command?

**Jonah 1: 4-6 (ERV)** *But the Lord brought a great storm on the sea. The wind made the sea very rough. The storm was very strong, and the boat was ready to break apart.****5****The men wanted to make the boat lighter to stop it from sinking, so they began throwing the cargo into the sea. The sailors were very afraid. Each man began praying to his god. Jonah had gone down into the boat to lie down, and he went to sleep.****6****The captain of the boat saw Jonah and said, “Wake up! Why are you sleeping? Pray to your god! Maybe your god will hear your prayer and save us!”*

* How did God discipline Jonah? Who else did it affect?
* Why do you think Jonah went to the bottom of the boat and fell asleep?

**Jonah 1: 7-13 (ERV)** *Then the men said to each other, “We should throw lots to find out why this is happening to us.” So the men threw lots. The lots showed that the troubles came to them because of Jonah.****8****Then the men said to Jonah, “It is your fault that this terrible thing is happening to us. Tell us, what have you done? What is your job? Where do you come from? What is your country? Who are your people?”* ***9****Jonah said to them, “I am a Hebrew. I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the land and the sea.”* ***10****Jonah told the men he was running away from the Lord. The men became very afraid when they learned this. They asked Jonah, “What terrible thing did you do against your God?”* ***11****The wind and the waves of the sea were becoming stronger and stronger. So the men said to Jonah, “What should we do to save ourselves? What should we do to you to make the sea calm?”* ***12****Jonah said to the men, “I know I did wrong—that is why the storm came on the sea. So throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm.”* ***13****Instead, the men tried to row the ship back to the shore, but they couldn’t do it. The wind and the waves of the sea were too strong—and they were becoming stronger and stronger.*

* What is Jonah doing in verses 9 and 10?
* Why do you think Jonah told the men to throw him overboard?
* What did the men try to do in verse 13 and what was the result?

**Jonah 1: 14-17 (ERV)** So the men cried to the Lord, “Lord, please don’t say we are guilty of killing an innocent man. Please don’t make us die for killing him. We know you are the Lord, and you will do whatever you want.” **15**So the men threw Jonah into the sea. The storm stopped, and the sea became calm. **16**When the men saw this, they began to fear and respect the Lord. They offered a sacrifice and made special promises to the Lord. **17**When Jonah fell into the sea, the Lord chose a very big fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.

* What did the sailors know about the Lord in verse 14? What did they ask God for in verse 14?
* What occurred in verse 16? Why did the sailors offer a sacrifice to the Lord?
* What did God do for Jonah in verse 17?
* What way(s) can you relate to Jonah in verse 17?