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# Devotion by the Youth: Jonah

### Scripture

Jonah 1:15-16

"Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him."

### Observation

Jonah was a coward, he tried to run away from God at every turn, all the way till being thrown overboard. As a man of God, wouldn't he know that man can't run from God? Yet through this selfish act of Jonah (fleeing from God, choosing to endanger the crew, asking them to throw him overboard), the sailors on the boat were not only saved from the storm but were saved in their souls for they have met the One True God.

### Application

We worship a God that brings glory to his name in our obedience and disobedience. Why then should we run away in disobedience? Know this, when the Lord sets a direction for us, we can run all the days of our life, but in the end, he will eventually bring us back to where he wants us to be.

**Learn to resist the world, not the Lord.**

### Prayer

O Lord, teach me not to go astray, why should I fight against your will if you have already determined my paths? Instead, teach me to trust you and to resist you not, for I know the paths that you've set for me will be good in your eyes. In Jesus name, Amen.



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### Scripture

Jonah 3:10- 4:1

"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. BUT Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry."

### Observation

Nineveh turned from wickedness to humility and God noticed their plea and repentance, hence God withheld his hand from bringing destruction to the city. But the prophet appointed to the city, Jonah was not happy about God showing mercy to his enemies; the wicked, the unjust, and the unfaithful. In fact, Jonah was greatly displeased and angry at God

### Application

I am a Christian who struggles with the issue of anger, and these two verses give me a great reminder of why I still fall into this struggle.

Sometimes I ask myself, how can I find joy when the 'newly' repented are shown mercy? Should they not receive some kind of judgment? Will their evil/wicked acts just go unpunished or unnoticed?

But I have to ask myself two things: -

1. Are not their lives precious? Should I not be happy when one repents? (Luke 15:10, Ezekiel 33:11)

### Quick Verse Reference

Luke 15:10

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Ezekiel 33:11

"Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?' "

2. Being a Christian does not disqualify me from being an offender of God. As much as the repented adversary has done past evils, so are my current ways under Christ. Question: Just as God asked Jonah, so then would I ask myself; "Have you any right to be angry?" (v4)

### Prayer

Dear God, why do I fall into anger easily? Examine my heart; is my anger justified? or are they rooted in jealousy, unrighteousness, and pride? Remove O Lord, my evil desires in anger and instill in me a righteous anger like Yours, that turns to compassion upon the repentance of men. Do not let me hold a grudge against my offenders, but forgive them, as such you have forgiven me of my offenses. Instill in me a heart of compassion I pray, In Jesus' name, Amen.



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## Church Camp 2023

- 1) Pray that God will cause all who need to be at the Church Camp to attend.
- 2) Pray that it will be a time for all to openly and expectantly receive from God, including things we may not want Or like to hear.
- 3) Pray for each participant to given the personal resolution to do what God will impresses upon him/her.
- 4) Pray for the speaker to speak only the truth as given from God - neither adding nor subtracting from His Word.
- 5) Pray for safety for all attending the camp. Pray for protection against Satan's attack.
- 6) Pray for FBC to move forward in unity and cohesion for the glory of God.