

# One Whale of An Attitude

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## The Story of Jonah

### 6 Lessons Learned From Jonah

**#1: When God gives us a purpose, there is NO WHERE TO RUN.**

*"The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah ran away from the LORD."*  
Jonah 1:1-3 NIV

*"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."*  
Proverbs 19:21 ESV

**#2: God PROVIDES FOR US even in our rebellion.**

*"Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."* Jonah 1:17 NIV

*"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."* 2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

**#3: One reason for trials is so we will TURN TO GOD.**

*"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me."* Jonah 2:1 NIV

*"Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."* James 4:8 NIV

**#4: Our obedience to God's calling allows us to see GOD'S POWERFUL WORKS.**

*"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened."* Jonah 3:10 NIV

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."* John 14:12 ESV

**#5: God's amazing grace can seem OFFENSIVE TO US.**

*"But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry... I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."*  
Jonah 4:1-2 NIV

**#6: Even God, with all His power, does not force us TO ENJOY LIFE.**

*"But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ... 'It is. I'm so angry I wish I were dead.'"*  
Jonah 4:9 NIV

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."* James 1:2-3 ESV