**Jonah 1:1-9** Pastor will the read odd verses, congregation read even verses

***1*** *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.* ***4*** *But the Lord sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.* ***5*** *Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.* ***6*** *So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish."* ***7*** *And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.* ***8*** *Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"* ***9*** *So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."*

**Message: Jonah’s Disobedience Resulted in a Storm**

**1. Rebellion (Jonah 1) is defined as “an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler.”**

**2. Jonah disobeys God's call (Jonah 1:1-3).**

**3. To begin with, he had a wrong attitude toward the Will of God.**

**4. Jonah's wrong attitude toward God's Will, stemmed from a feeling that the Lord was asking him to do an impossible thing.**

**5. Jonah forgot that the Will of God is the expression of the Love of God (Ps 33:11), and that God called him to Nineveh because He loved both Jonah and the Ninevites.**

**6. Disobedience is not an option.** In Luke 6:46, Jesus said: *"But why do you call Me 'Lord. Lord.' and do not do the things which I say?"* NKJV

**7. It's in doing the Will of God that we grow in grace and become more like Christ.**

**8. God in His providence was preparing Jonah for a great fall.**

**9. Jonah the Jew, becomes a curse instead of a blessing. God called the Jews to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth (Gen 12:1-3), but whenever the Jews were out of the Will of God, they brought trouble instead of Blessing.**

**10. In our study, God was no longer speaking to Jonah through His word; He was speaking to him through His works.**

**11. The Psalmist said in Ps 66:18 *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."***

**12. Psalm 106:13 says…. *They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert. 15 And He gave them their request but sent leanness into their soul.*** NKJV