

HIGH SEAS #4

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“Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.” Psalm 112:4 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. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 NIV

LIFE'S _____.

GOD'S _____.

MAN'S _____.

GOD'S _____.

JONAH: YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!

“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 and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.” Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased.” 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. 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 1:1-3, 11-17 NIV

PERSONAL ADVERSITY _____.

“From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said: “In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.” Jonah 2:1-2 NIV

“My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees.” Psalm 119:71 NLT

PERSONAL ADVERSITY _____.

“You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.” Jonah 2:3-6a NIV

“His wife said, “Still holding on to your precious integrity, are you? Curse God and be done with it!” He told her, “You’re talking like an empty-headed fool. We take the good days from God—why not also the bad days?” Not once through all this did Job sin. He said nothing against God.”

Job 2:9-10 NIV

PERSONAL ADVERSITY _____.

*“But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’” And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. *Jonah 2:6b-10 NIV**

*“And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.” *Matthew 26:27-28 NLT**

SEE GOD’S PATTERN...POSSESS GOD’S HOPE

THE _____ → _____ → OUT OF THE _____
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BIG IDEA:

*“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” *Proverbs 19:21 NIV**

BIG QUESTION:

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FOR DISCUSSION:

CAN YOU RECALL A SITUATION WHERE GOD WORKED IN AN “UPSIDE DOWN” WAY?

HOW DOES YOUR BEHAVIOR CHANGE POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY WHEN YOUR EXPECTATIONS ARE INTERRUPTED OR THWARTED?

WHAT HAS HELPED YOU “GET ON BOARD” WITH GOD FASTER WHEN ADVERSITY STRIKES?

WHAT TRUTH FROM JONAH’S JOURNEY RESONATES WITH YOU TODAY?

ADVERSITY CHANGES MY BEHAVIOR

ADVERSITY IS FROM GOD

ADVERSITY IS NOT FATAL OR FINAL

WHAT CHALLENGE CAN YOU START WORKING WITH GOD IN TODAY?

