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We All Fail
Jonah 1

I John 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

I. _____ People Fail

Jonah 1:1-2 *The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me."*

- 8th C BC Nineveh became the capital of the Assyrian Empire
- Assyria became the greatest and most notoriously wicked nation in the world
- Nahum describes wickedness of Assyria

II. _____ People Fail

Jonah 1:3-9 *But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. 5 Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep. 6 So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god. Perhaps your god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish." 7 Each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may learn on whose account this calamity has struck us." So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" 9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land."*

Knowledge of God and God's Word does not alone fix our problem.

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

- Jonah a Prophet of Yahweh – Nabi – _____
- II Kings 14 – Prophet during reign of Jeroboam.
- Jonah 1:1 – *The word of the Lord came to Jonah...*

II. _____ People Fail

Jonah 1:10-14 *Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. 11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?"-- for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you."*

13 However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them. 14 Then they called on the LORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O LORD, have done as You have pleased."

Point: We all fail, but how we respond to failings will determine the fruit that is produced in our lives.

I John 1:8-9 *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where have you failed?
2. How do you respond to your failings? Deny them?
Allow them to overwhelm you? Or discourage you?
Take them to Christ and ask Him to forgive, restore, and redeem?
3. What can you learn from your failure?



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