



A Study of Jonah

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Day 3: Jonah 1:4-7 - Roll the Dice

Read Matthew 6:25-34. Why does Jesus tell us not to worry about food or drink or clothing? What examples does He give us as to why we can trust God? What should be our first and primary focus? Why should we not be anxious about tomorrow?

Read John 14:1-14. Jesus is teaching His disciples that He is, truly, God, and explaining that, if they are truly in line with Him, they will be in line with God. Re-read verses 13-14. Knowing the context of these verses, is Jesus making a blanket promise about what He will give us if we ask “in His name”? What does asking “in His name” mean? What does that tell you about what types of requests will be granted? How does Jesus tell His disciples they must be in line with His will for granting these requests? What must we do to align ourselves with His will?

Read Luke 22:41-42. What example do we have from Jesus as to whose will we must be lined up with? Did God “grant” Jesus’ prayer? Did He remove “this cup” (the cup of God’s wrath poured out on Christ; the cup of God’s wrath intended for *us*)? Was Jesus’ request sinful? Whose will was Jesus ultimately submitting to?

Read Luke 12:16-21. What does this parable warn us about making plans and storing up treasure on earth?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Who is it that God has called to Himself? For what purpose has He done it this way? Because of this, we are part of Christ Jesus who became what to *us*? Why is Jesus our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption? Because of this where should our boasting naturally be?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Why does Paul say that God sent the “thorn”? What was Paul’s reaction to this thorn? Why did God choose *not* to remove the thorn? What is Paul’s confident response to that knowledge? What understanding does Paul have about the weaknesses and hardships he faces?

As you spend time with God today, consider the ways in which your pride may be creating a wedge between you and God. Ask Him to help you to see where you are relying on your own strength, wisdom, knowledge and power to see you through, instead of relying on Him in humility. Ask Him to gently remind you of your weaknesses and to help you to appreciate, all the more, the grace that He has given to you not only in the salvation offered to you, but also in the day to day living of life that you face. Thank Him for showing you how when you are weak, He truly is strong, and for reminding you that you are not to do this alone. Ask Him to help you to come to Him first, not last, to seek His will in all things and to pray with thanksgiving, understand all that He has done for you for eternity. Ask Him to help you to loosen your grip on the temporal things of this life and cling to the only true hope we have in Him.