

OUR PROVIDING GOD
Jonah 1:1 – 17
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1. God provided for Jonah
 - a. God provided a swallowing fish to bring a Word of Salvation to Niniveh - Jonah 1:17
 - b. God provided the vine to bring a word of comfort and provision – Jonah 4:6
 - c. God provided a worm to bring a word of judgment and a word of correction - Jonah 4:7
 - d. God provided the wind to bring a call to repentance. – Jonah 4:9
 - e. Regardless of Jonah's disobedience, God faithfully provides and faithfully accomplishes His purpose.
2. He provides for us as well
 - a. God is our creator and heavenly Father who cares and provides for our physical needs. – Genesis 1-2
 - b. God is our redeemer who provides us salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. – Matthew 27:11-28:20
 - c. God is our Sustainer who gives us the Holy Spirit to sanctify, strengthen, comfort, enlighten, unite, and empower us for His mission. Acts 1-2
3. Do we Deserve God's Provision?
 - a. Jonah didn't deserve God's provision and neither do we! Romans 3:23-26
 - b. Can we recognize God's provision and extend it to others?
 - c. How do we extend that assurance of our Providing God to the people where we live, work, and play?
4. What do you suppose Jonah was thinking as he fled to Tarshish?
 - a. God can get another prophet
 - b. God will never find me
 - c. I hate Nineveh
5. Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea?
 - a. He felt guilty about causing the storm
 - b. He regarded going to Nineveh as worse than death
 - c. He knew that would make the storm stop
6. What would you say is the message of this story?
 - a. You can run, but you can't hide
 - b. Disobedience will have consequences
 - c. Do what God says
7. If God told you to preach judgment to a wicked city, what would you like to do?
 - a. Jump for joy
 - b. Go in great fear
 - c. Go in anger
 - d. Head the other direction
8. Jonah at first tried to escape the call of God to preach repentance to such cruel people in Nineveh. What is a "Nineveh" in your life?

- a. A difficult person?
 - b. An unfriendly place?
 - c. An unpleasant task?
 - d. An unresolved situation?
9. What have you found most often keeps you from doing something you believe God wants you to do?
- a. I'm comfortable where I am.
 - b. I don't want to make waves.
 - c. I am not qualified.
 - d. I care too much what others think.
 - e. I'm afraid I might not be hearing God correctly.
10. In your spiritual life, which direction are you running?
- a. Away from God
 - b. With God
 - c. Toward God
11. What is something you think God may be asking you to do now?