**The Storm of Disobedience**

**Jonah 1:4-9**

**Recap:**

* **Running from God (Jonah 1:1-3)**
  + **God’s Call (v. 1)**
  + **Jonah’s Rebellion (vv. 2-3)**
  + **The Consequences (v. 3)**

**Introduction**

* **Jonah 1:4-9**
* **Today we will learn God Pursues His People even in their Rebellion.**

1. **The Storm Sent by God (v. 4)**
   1. **God’s response to Jonah’s Disobedience**
   2. **The Storm as a form of divine intervention**
   3. **How God uses circumstances to bring us back to Him.**
   4. **James 1:1-4**
   5. **Job**
   6. **David**
   7. **Paul**
   8. **And so many others we read in the Word of God went through Storms to bring them back and closer to God.**
2. **The Sailors’ Fear and Response (vv. 5-6)**
   1. **The sailors’ desperation and their prayers to their gods**
   2. **Jonah’s indifference-sleeping through the storm.**
      1. **Disobedience leads to what is uncharacteristic.**
      2. **Jonah’s disobedience puts others in danger.**
      3. **Jonah is oblivious to the impact of those around him.**
      4. **Jonah is urged toward prayer by someone else.**
   3. **The contrast between Jonah’s apathy and the sailors’ urgency.**
3. **The Casting of Lots**
   1. **The sailors seek divine guidance.**
   2. **The lot falls on Jonah God’s Sovereignty in revealing truth. (Acts 1:15-26).**
   3. **God exposes sin and calls for repentance.**
4. **Jonah’s Confession (vv. 8-9)**
   1. **Jonah admits his identity and his rebellion.**
   2. **The irony Jonah fears God yet runs from him.**
      1. **Disobedience leads to contradictions.**
      2. **Jonah says He fears the Lord, yet He is willing to disobey the Lord.**
   3. **It is importance to acknowledge our sin before God.**

**Conclusion:**

* **Discerning Disobedience in my Life**
  + **When I am willing to Disobey, I will begin to do things that are uncharacteristic of who I have been as a follower of Jesus.**
  + **When I am willing to Disobey there are contradictions that develop in my life**
  + **When I am willing to Disobey it makes things difficult for those around me.**
* **Running from God leads to turmoil.**
* **God pursues us even in our rebellion.**
* **Our actions affect those around us.**
* **True repentance begins with confession.**