1 – **Lessons Learned From Jonah**  **Luke 11:29-32**

2 - **WHO IS JONAH?**

* **A prophet of God in Israel during the reign of Jeroboam II who spoke of the restoration of Israel’s border… a period of time of great patriotism and national pride.** (2 Kings 14:25)
* Later, Amos and Hosea spoke of the impending judgment of God on Israel by the Assyrians. (Amos 5:27; Hosea 9:3)
* **Not an allegory… Cited by Jesus** (Matthew 12:38-42)

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4 – **OUTLINE OF JONAH**

* **Chapter 1: Running from God**
* **Chapter 2: Running back to God (Luke 15:15-18)**
* **Chapter 3: Running with God (Philippians 2:13)**
* **Chapter 4: Running ahead of God (James 2:1-5)**

5 – **We Can Not Escape From Our Responsibilities Before God.**

* **God has revealed His will to man.** (Jonah 1:2;
Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:5)
* **God’s instructions are understandable.** (Genesis 3:1-6; Ephesians 3:3-5; 5:17)
* **There’s never a time nor a place…
(**Jonah 1:3; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Psalms 139; Hebrews 4:13)
* **All men are accountable.** (Acts 17:30; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
* **There are no excuses. (**Luke 14:16ff; Acts 17:30; 1 Peter 1:14)

6 – **God Hates Sin & Holds All Accountable**

* **God is never indifferent to sin.** (Jonah 1:2; cf., Romans 6:1)
* **God hates sin**. (Psalms 5:4-5; 34:15-16)
* **All are accountable to Him.** (Acts 17:24-31;
1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
* **God also welcomes all who turn to Him by faith.**(Acts 10:34-35; 2:21; Romans 10:13)

7 - **The Discipline of our Father**

* **God will discipline one in rebellion that we might *“consider…”*** (Eccles. 7:14; Hebrews 12:3-10)
* **Will we come to our senses?** (Luke 15:17)
* **Will we have faith in God during times of trial and discipline?** (Job 23:10; 1 Peter 1:6-9; Hebrews 12:11)

8 - **The Humble Prayer of the Penitent**

* **Will we call to God in our “*distress*” and “*cry for help*”?** (2:2)
* **God will hear and forgive** (1 Kings 8:33-36) **when we confess and repent.** (1 John 1:8-9; Jeremiah 36:3; Daniel 9:19)

9 - **As Sinners, We Need To *“Come To Ourselves”***

* **Sin has a price** (Jonah 1:17ff; 2:4; Luke 15:17) **and will find us out.** (Numbers 32:23)
* **The chastening of the Lord.** (Hebrews 12:3-10)
* **Time to reflect and examine.** (Luke 15:17; 2 Cor. 13:5)
* **The need to be convicted and be humble.**(John 16:7-8; James 4:7-10)
* **We’ve got to learn to see.** (Jonah 2:5; Luke 15:17; Matthew 6:22-23; 7:1-5)

10 - **We Need To Understand What True Repentance Requires**

* **Appreciating God’s second chances… however difficult the circumstances might be. (**Jonah 3:1; Gen. 4:7)
* **“Deeds appropriate to repentance”**. (Matthew 3:8; Acts 26:20; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11)
* **Our attitude towards sin has to change**. (John 8:11; Romans 6:11ff)
* **Sins of a nation.** (Jonah 3:5-10; Daniel 9:3ff)
* **What will we do with God’s patience? (**2 Peter 3:11-15)

11 - **We Must Preach God’s Message**

* ***“Preach to it the message that I tell you.”***(Jonah 3:1; cf., Jeremiah 1:17; Ezekiel 2:7)
* ***“Preach the truth in love”*** (Ephesians 4:15)
* ***“The whole counsel of God”*** (Acts 20:32; Jeremiah 26:2)
* ***“Preach the word, in season and out of season…”*** (2 Timothy 4:2-3)

12 - **The souls of others vs. the comforts & conveniences of life.**

* **Believe in the power of the gospel.** (Romans 1:16)
* **What is our attitude towards the lost?** (Jonah Ch. 4; Luke 15:1-2; 7:36ff)
* **What are we seeking first?** (Matthew 6:33; James 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:4)
* **What bothers us more?** Souls being lost or our air conditioning being out?

13 - **God Wants To Save Your Soul!**

James 1:21-22, “*Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness* ***the implanted word, which is able to save your souls****. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*.”

James 5:19-20, “ *My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever* ***brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death*** *and will cover a multitude of sins*.”