

Asleep Below Deck

Jonah 1:4–6 (NIV) — (4) Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. **(5)** All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. **(6)** The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish.”

Jonah 1:1–3 (NIV) — (1) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: **(2)** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” **(3)** But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

I) The Deterioration of Personal Religion

II) The Desperate Plea for Rescue

III) The Disastrous Position of the Redeemed

James 5:16 (NIV) — (16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.