

**JONAH—1**  
**Don't Be So Hard on Jonah,**  
**There is a Little Jonah in All of Us!**

**My prayer for you today:**

*The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai...  
Jonah 1:1*

- 1) Sometimes following God just doesn't make sense!**

*"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." Jonah 1:2*

- 2) When God says go, you can always find a boat going in the opposite direction!**

*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. Jonah 1:3*

- 3) God cares far more about your obedience and your character than he does your opinions and your comfort!**

*Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.  
Jonah 1:4*

*(Jonah) answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land." This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) Jonah 1:8-10*

*"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you." Jonah 1:12*

#### **4) Sometimes God's Provision Just Stinks!**

*Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 1:15-17*