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Conduct That Will Bring and Keep Storms Coming Your Way

Jonah 1:3-11

Proverbs 10:25 reads, *"When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation."* (NLT) This verse reveals that not only do all people go through troublesome times, but the end result is different for Christians and non-believers. There is nothing that a blood bought saint can do to live a trouble free life. However, much can be done by a follower of the Lord to create havoc on their journey. This lesson is designed to examine an incident with the life of Jonah to point out conduct that will bring and keep storms coming your way.

Breakdown of Jonah Chapter 1

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| 1. The <u>Proclamation</u> | to Jonah | Verses 1, 2 |
| 2. The <u>Determination</u> | by Jonah | Verse 3 |
| 3. The <u>Manifestations</u> | for Jonah | Verses 4-17 |

1. Rebelliousness towards God can bring and keep storms coming your way.
Verses 1-3
"The Lord spoke his word to Jonah son of Amittai: 2) "Get up, go to the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it, because I see the evil things they do." 3) But Jonah got up to run away from the Lord by going to Tarshish. He went to the city of Joppa, where he found a ship that was going to the city of Tarshish. Jonah paid for the trip and went aboard, planning to go to Tarshish to run away from the Lord." (NCV)
2. Thoughtlessness of God can bring and keep storms coming your way.
Verses 4, 5
"But the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, which made the sea so stormy that the ship was in danger of breaking apart. 5) The sailors were afraid, and each man cried to his own god. They began throwing the cargo from the ship into the sea to make the ship lighter. But Jonah had gone down far inside the ship to lie down, and he fell fast asleep." (NCV)
3. Untruthfulness about God can bring and keep storms coming your way.
Verses 7-9
"Then the men said to each other, "Let's throw lots to see who caused these troubles to happen to us." When they threw lots, the lot showed that the trouble had happened because of Jonah. 8) Then they said to him, "Tell us, who caused our trouble? What is your job? Where do you come from? What is your country? Who are your people?"

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