

**Series:** *A Moody Missionary Meets the Merciful Master*

**Lesson:** *Deciding to Disobey*

**Text:** Jonah 1:1-10 (L2)

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### INTRODUCTION

As we turn back to the book of Jonah, we discover a prophet of the Lord learning what God's will is and choosing to turn from it. Jonah's story clearly demonstrates that *the decision to \_\_\_\_\_ God is a foolish and dangerous decision.* In fact, Jonah 1:1-10 offers five warnings about the decision to disobey.

**THE DECISION TO DISOBEY GOD IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ DECISION (vv. 1-3).**

*DISOBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Consider Jonah's \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Consider Jonah's position.*
3. *Consider God's command.*

**THE DECISION TO DISOBEY GOD IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ DECISION (v. 3).**

*DISOBEDIENCE ALWAYS IGNORES \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Disobedience ignores God's omnipresence.*
2. *Disobedience ignores God's \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *Disobedience ignores God's protection.*

**THE DECISION TO DISOBEY GOD IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ DECISION (v. 5).**

*DISOBEDIENCE ALWAYS CARRIES THE ILLUSION OF \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Disobedience may seem providentially provided.*
2. *Disobedience may seem \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed.*

**THE DECISION TO DISOBEY GOD IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ DECISION (vv. 3-6).**

*DISOBEDIENCE ALWAYS BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Jonah's injury symbolized.*
2. *Jonah's injury realized.*

**THE DECISION TO DISOBEY GOD IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ DECISION (vv. 6-10).**

*DISOBEDIENCE ALWAYS AFFECTS \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Others are hurt by the consequences of our sin.*
2. *Others are hurt by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin.*
3. *Others are hurt by the inconsistency of our sin.*

### CONCLUSION

As the captain implores Jonah to pray to his God in verse 6, Jonah was reminded that God *is* a \_\_\_\_\_ God who loves to grant salvation. As Jonah comes clean to the sailors in verse 9, he remembers that God *is* a sovereign God, unthwartably in \_\_\_\_\_ of all things. So, in light of the compassionate control of God, the decision to disobey is also shown to be an \_\_\_\_\_ decision. Disobeying your good and great God is never smart, but is always foolish. That path may appear to be easy, but will always prove to be hard. The journey home, however, is simple. I John 1:9 encourages us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Though we may choose the "downward" path of disobedience, God will "bring us up" from corruption (2:6), for "salvation is of the LORD" (2:9).