

Growth Assignment

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Jonah – Creating Chaos

1 Corinthians 3: 13 (ESV)

*Each one's work will become **manifest**, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.*

1. We all have an assignment from God, a mission to fulfill with our life. Paul's teaching above warns us that the value of the activity of our lives will be revealed (**manifest**) and judged by God. Do you know the assignment God has given you? How well are you allowing that assignment to be **manifested** in your life?

Hebrews 12: 6 (NLT)

...the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.

2. Because God loves us, He disciplines us when we disobey Him. Describe a time when you disobeyed God in the assignment He had given you and recognized He disciplined you for your disobedience.

Read Jonah 1

3. How does God break us of our self-will to bring us to the point where we say "yes" to His will...to fulfilling His mission.
4. Like Jonah, we have our "reasons" for disobeying God. Usually our "reasons" are petty. What "reasons" have you given God during a time of disobedience? Were/are your "reason" justified?

Jonah 1: 3 & 5 (ESV)

*³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went **down** to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went **down** into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD...⁵...Jonah had gone **down** into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.*

5. It's interesting that three times we see Jonah went **DOWN** in his resistance to God. The quality of our life always goes **down** when we resist God. Describe how the quality of your life was impacted through your disobedience to God.

6. How are you doing in obeying God these days?