



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 082 - World's Worst Prophet? Jonah

Jonah would probably win the prize for the world's worst prophet. Though it is possible every prophet had moments when they were frustrated, ready to quit, or could hardly stand the people to whom they were sent.

- When have you felt that same frustration or anger toward the people God has placed around you?
- How did God overcome your anger and get you back on track?

Despite Jonah's poor performance as a prophet, the Word of God was successful: the sailors recognized Yahweh as the God of all creation and the Assyrians took Yahweh's threat seriously and repented of the terrible things they had done.

- When have you seen the power of God working despite your poor attitude or witness?

In Matthew 12:41, Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here."

- Describe the ways Jonah demonstrated his hatred of the Ninevites.
- Describe the ways Jesus demonstrated His love for the Israelites and you and me.
- How does Jesus' cross demonstrate His ultimate love for all those who are under God's wrath?

Consider the people in your home, church, neighborhood, school or workplace. God has sent you to warn them of His coming wrath and to declare His love and deliverance in Jesus Christ.

- Which of those people do you love like Jesus?
- Which do you hate like Jonah?
- How can we learn to forgive and truly care for the people we hate and fear?