

James 1:5-8 ⁵If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

Our STABILITY in the STORM is SUBJECT

Two IDEAS we need Overcome:

- A. God doesn't speak that Way Anymore (Opinion not Biblical)
- B. When God speaks we have no choice (Obedience or Excuses)

In the Book of Jonah... See a STORY of an UNSTABLE Prophet

Jonah 4:9-11 ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." ¹⁰But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

WHAT if we Became MORE Concerned w/ WHO people NEED than WHAT they DESERVE?

When GOD SPEAKS...

1. It may not be COMFORTABLE

Jonah 1:2 ²“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

2. It will CHALLENGE our Current DIRECTION

Jonah 1:3 ³But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.

3. It will get our ATTENTION

Jonah 1:4 ⁴But the Lord hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart.

My LISTEN should be a REFLECTION of my LOVE

4. It's ALWAYS HIS BEST!!!!

My WORST Day may be EXACTLY what I NEED

Jonah 1:15-17 ¹⁵Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! ¹⁶The sailors were awestruck by the Lord's great power, and they offered him a sacrifice and vowed to serve him. ¹⁷Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.