### Life Interrupted: Reluctant Prophet, Relentless God

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Notes

# **Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

How do you feel about interruptions? Do you welcome them and go with the flow? Or do you feel annoyed and inconvenienced?

If you believe that God is sovereign and in control of everything, how should that affect your response to interruptions?

# 1. Read 2 Kings 14:23-27 and Jonah 1:1-3.

What do you learn about Jonah from these verses? Why do you think he responded to God's command to go to Ninevah the way he did?

What do you learn about God from His instructions to Jonah?

Can you think of a time when God asked you to do something completely unexpected that you didn't want to do? How did you respond and what was the result?

#### 2. Read Jonah 1:4-9.

What was the first consequence of Jonah's disobedience to God?

What do you think God was trying to communicate to Jonah through the storm?

Have you ever found yourself in the midst of a storm because you chose to disobey God? What happened and what did you learn?

Do you see any discrepancy between Jonah's actions and his answer to the sailors about who he was? In what way does his life not align with his words?

Are there places in your own life where how you live doesn't line up with what you say you believe?

#### 3. Read Jonah 1:10-16.

What do you think of Jonah's solution to the storm? What does his solution reveal about his heart?

Compare Jonah's response to God's display of power with that of the sailors. How have you seen God's power displayed in your life and how have you responded?