West Suburban
COMMUNITY CHURCH

"The Storm"

Jonah 1:4-12 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon

October 1, 2023

Introduction –*Jonah decides to run away from God. But God is one step ahead of him.*

I. The Storms God Sends.

A. Jonah disobeys God and runs away in the opposite direction.

B. God sends a storm in Jonah's path.

C. The storm gives us the good news and bad news of what it means to live in God's world.

D. Ironically God sends a killer storm to save Jonah.

E. God must teach Jonah about His grace.

F. Jonah hated the Assyrians, believing they were much worse sinners than he was.

G. Jonah will not be competent to preach God's grace until he learns God's grace.

H. To teach him grace God intervenes with a storm.

II. Our Response to the Storm.

A. In his response to God's storm, this time Jonah got it right.

B. Jonah admits his sin.

C. Jonah's repentance was different than the sailors.

D. Jonah's focus is now on God, not himself.

Conclusion.