



***“The Strangers in My Boat”***  
Jonah 1:4-12 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** –*Jonah decides to run away from God. But doing so puts him and others in grave danger.*

***I. Jonah’s Relationship to the Sailors.***

- A. Jonah doesn’t interact with the sailors until he has to.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Jonah is content to keep his faith to himself.

***II. The Sailors Interaction with Jonah.***

- A. The sailors figure out that the storm had a supernatural element.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. The sailors cry out to their gods.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. The captain rebukes Jonah for not helping them and crying out to his God.

- D. Once the sailors realize that Jonah is the reason for their trouble, they urgently appeal to him. “Tell us now!”

- E. Jonah begins to repent and confess his faith in YHWH.

***III. Lessons from Jonah’s Interaction with the Sailors.***

- A. God loves both Jews and Gentiles.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Jonah begins to be a willing witness of YHWH. “Tell us now!”
  - 1. “Who are you?”
  - 2. “What should we do?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Jonah gives himself up so that the sailors can be saved.

***Conclusion.***