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***First Call?***

What kind of shape would you be in if God put you in the same place and or trial as He did Jonah just after His first call?

How many times have you been called by the Holy Spirit? You do not know what I mean? How many times have you felt a tremendous feeling inside of you, just wanting to do something which you were told to do from somewhere inside of you? How many **good** feelings have you had of doing a right thing? Waiting in a line of cars at a red light and a charitable organization is accepting donations, and something tells you to take your wallet out and give them every dollar you have? How many times when you have seen someone really in need and you want to do something right then from the urging deep from within? This Someone, some feeling deep within you which is doing this, 'Give, help, feed and your heart hurts for them' is the Holy Spirit of God, trying to tell you, to lead you, to guide you, trying to get out! How many times have you felt compassion from these feelings, urgings? This was/is your first call, second, third, forth, ...!

Did you give, help and share your feelings? Did you give them your last cent? If you did, **GLORY**, you will be blessed! Did you get involved with this charitable organization and really dug in and helped? Or, did you just drive through after raising your window on their fingers? Be truthful, to yourself and God, how many times have you failed to answer this call? Your first call! Have you felt remorse from not doing what the Holy Spirit has urged you to do? Do you think He will come back? And you say to yourself, when He does that you will obey and answer this call? Be truthful again, you didn't answer His call the second time, or the third time or the fourth time either. What would you do if this is all the Holy Spirit will have to do with you? What if this, was all God called and you let Him down? What if, God, after the first call and got disobedience, He put you in the belly of a fish? ***“Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,***

*arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.”* Jonah 1:1-3. Read it in the book of Jonah and picture yourself in Jonah’s position, can you? Have you disobeyed the Lord God in anything He has told you to do? I have! And I do not want to do it again! But, I will, and so have you and so will you.

It doesn’t just affect you, it affects everyone around you, your spouse, your kids, family, friends, all the shipmates or those around you as did in Jonah’s case. They knew evil was upon them and they cast lots, to know who brought this evil upon them. God just took His protection away for awhile and let Satan run amuck. Evil from Satan, not God, He just wants your obedience, your answer to His call. Well, as would have it, poor old Jonah, even the lots that were cast fell upon him. Luck of the draw? Was it? Jonah knew then what he had done, he couldn’t run fast enough or far enough to get away from God. *“And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.”* Jonah 1:10. Then his shipmates, or those around you will as the shipmates did, or those that stand quiet today, *“Then said they unto him, what shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? For the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.”* Jonah 1:11. In this case, the shipmates spoke up, something was wrong and now finding out it was Jonah, what are we to do to solve this dilemma we are in? Jonah said, throw me overboard and the storm will calm, but these shipmates didn’t answer right away either, as your friends or family around you didn’t answer the call, they just rowed harder and harder, as your families and friends sink with you. **Remember**, God’s arms are far reaching! *“Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not; for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, we beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.”* Jonah 1:13,14.

Don't sink and die because your friend or family member wasn't listening and obeying God. You have to come to God for yourself as these shipmates did, to save themselves. This, also pleases God! As soon as **YOU GET AWAY** from yours and others non belief and disobedience, as finally the shipmates did, *“So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.”* Jonah 1:15,16. When you decide that your storms are too rough and you are bobbing for life is losing flotation, call out and fear the Lord and watch your seas get smoother and easier! They will not be as glass, but they will be tolerable and will start getting smoother all the time. Jesus is the Quieter of the storms, the ever present serenity in man's life, the flotation device in our struggles and battles.

Jesus took on the role for you and served your time for you in the belly of a big fish or whatever God wanted to do to you. Now, can you hear and answer His first call? Jesus went to **HELL** for you and I, and then defeated hell and death's grave by His resurrection, so we could be with God, sinless. *“Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I and thou heardest my voice.”* Jonah 2:1,2. Why do you have to wait until you are in the so called 'fish's belly' first, before you cry out? I can tell you, if you are interested, Satan has made his voice heard through lies for so long that you do not even pay attention to God's voice anymore! Satan says, you can get out of this belly by yourself, **LIAR!** You might get out once or twice, but you will lose, you will be swallowed up and devoured!!! Call out as Jonah finally did, and ask for the Life Preserver, **JESUS CHRIST**, to help!

Jonah said he cried out from the belly of hell and God heard him. Don't live hellish and unaware of God's love and compassion because He will hear; but, He might say, sorry, I do not know you, you worker of iniquity, Oh, my, lost forever in the belly of hell, tortured and tormented every night, because there will be no day or light, just darkness save the fire light of the fires, tortured every night for an eternity. That is longer than the three days Jonah spent in the belly of the fish and longer than the three days Jesus spent in hell for you.

God's call, save yourself and those around you. You each have to seek your own salvation and peace with Jesus before you have no other calls.

Father, I'm a sinner, forgive me, I accept Your sacrifices for me because You love me. You paid the total cost. I want my bobber to bob, back floating again. I'm tired of drowning little by little every day. Father, I believe in You, You are the living Son of the living God!!!! Amen.  
**FATHER, CALL ME AGAIN, PLEASE!!!!**

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