

Cautious, Curious, Or Committed?

(Jonah 1:1-10)

- Introduction:
1. When service requires sacrifice, we usually learn how committed to a cause we really are.
 2. It's easy to deceive ourselves into thinking that we are committed from the security of our own comfort zones.
 3. But challenge us out of our comfort zone, and we will be able to see ourselves for what we really are.
 4. This is precisely what happened to Jonah.
 5. Notice the lessons we can learn from Jonah's lack of commitment.
 6. When we lack commitment:

I. We Miss The Privilege Of Partnership With God

- A. (Jonah 1:1-3).
- B. (Hebrews 3:1,14).
- C. (Romans 12:1).
- D. (Ephesians 2:10).

II. Our Choice Damages More People Than We Know

- A. (Jonah 1:4).
- B. (Romans 14:7).
- C. Consider the damage caused by Adam & Eve, Korah, David and others.
- D. (Luke 17:1-2).

III. We Become Hardened & Desensitized To The Tragedies We Cause

- A. (Jonah 1:5-8).
- B. (Malachi 1:2,6,7; 2:17; 3:7,8).
- C. (1 John 4:20).

IV. We Lose Both Integrity & Trust

- A. (Jonah 1:9-10).
- B. (Matthew 5:16).
- C. (Romans 2:24).

- Conclusion:
1. As challenges or opportunities to serve the Lord cross your path, how do you react?
 2. Are you cautious, curious, or committed?
 3. Let's be sure that we are committed, for it is only when we lose our life in service to the Lord that we find it (Matthew 10:39).