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EMBRACE OUR ASSIGNMENT

God has an assignment for you that's just as intentional as the assignments He gave people in the Bible like Jonah. Will we courageously follow God, or grumble and resist Him? Our choice will impact the fruitfulness of our lives and our future.

Scripture

Jonah 2:1-2, 10 (NIV®)

¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. . . . ¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when you tried to run from something you knew the Lord was asking you to do. How is the story of Jonah relatable to you?
2. Discuss a time when your prayers directly influenced a difficult situation. How did that impact your faith?
3. List five or six ways current behaviors around us demonstrate rebellion against God or a biblical worldview. What are the most valuable tools in helping you maintain a "biblical perspective"?
4. Practicing forgiveness and refusing to be poisoned with bitterness opens our lives to God's best. Share a time you practiced forgiveness.
5. God has an assignment for you and your life, just like He did for Jonah. Jonah did not like his assignment. Describe a time when you were a reluctant disciple.

Let's Pray

Almighty God, You are the Author of all life; You have made us and not we ourselves. You sustain us each day by Your great power. Open our hearts and minds to understand Your purposes for us. Give us Your perspective upon our world. Holy Spirit, grant us the courage and boldness we need to follow You. Protect us, guide us, and deliver us from evil. In Jesus' name, amen.

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