**Changing Directing**

(Part 4)

**Jonah 1:11-12**

11 And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, “What should we do to you to stop this storm?”

12 “Throw me into the sea,” Jonah said, “and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault.”

1. Changing Direction Calls for Total Surrender.

1. The Lord pursued Jonah—God’s Prevenient Grace
* Prevenient Grace: The hand of God at work in our lives
* Prevenient Grace: God’s Healing, Forgiving, and Restorative Grace
* Prevenient Grace: God Preventing us From Going Too Far Off Course
1. Jonah’s Request Was a Demonstration of Total Surrender…Jonah 1:12 (NLT)

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What does it mean to surrender ourselves to the Lord?

1. Surrender means
* Dying to self
* Yielding to God’s Spirit,
* Taking up Your Cross and Following Jesus Christ,
1. Surrendering to God is the Heart of our Relationship with Jesus Christ and the Heart of our Worship
* Surrendering Makes Him Lord of Our Lives
* Surrendering Makes Worship a Transforming Experience
* Surrendering Makes Worship an act of commitment to Jesus Christ
1. Barriers That Prevent Surrendering:
2. Trust

Psalms 34:8 (God’s Word Translation)

 “Taste and see that the Lord is good, Blessed is the person who takes refuge in him.”

1. Pride

 Proverbs 26:12 (NLT)

 “There is more hope for fools than for people who

 think they are wise.

 Isaiah 5:21 (NLT)

 “What sorrow for those who are wise in their own

 eyes and think themselves so clever.”

1. Disobedience

 Luke 6:46 NLT

 “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when

 you don’t do what I say?”

1. God changed our direction Through Christ’s Obedience

 Mark 14;35-36 (NLT)

 35 He went on a little farther and fell to the

 ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful

 hour awaiting him might pass him by.

 36 “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is

 possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering

 away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not

 mine.”