God's Sovereign Salvation
Jonah 1:10-16

Main Point:
God sovereignly works in the lives of unbelievers to bring them to salvation; since He includes you in this work, be ready to lead others to Jesus, your Savior.

1. God sovereignly works in the lives of unbelievers to bring them to salvation.

2. God sovereignly brings unbelievers to salvation by showing them their need for it.

3. God sovereignly brings unbelievers to salvation by using Christians to guide them.

4. Knowing that God is about this work in the world, be ready to lead others to Jesus, your Savior.

Cross-References and Quotations

Richard Phillips "The prophet feared that his preaching in Nineveh would lead pagans to find mercy in God's grace. It follows that God should teach him a lesson in the conversion of the pagan sailors."

Romans 9:15-16 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. (NKJV)

WSC 31 Q. What is effectual calling? A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Sinclair Ferguson "There are times in our lives when the Lord will employ us in his service despite our disobedience, to demonstrate that the grace, the fruit, and the glory are entirely his. Here indeed is evangelism and the sovereignty of God!"

1 Peter 3:15 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; (NKJV)

Richard Phillips "Just as Aaron laid his hands on the scapegoat, placing Israel's sins on its head, and sent it away into the distant wilderness … so also Jonah removed God's wrath by taking his sin into the wilderness of the deep."