

Divine Encounters

Jonah 1:1-3

Our lives are a series of events: happy ones, sad ones, good ones, bad ones, exciting, frustrating, gleeful and tragic ones. From the cradle to the coffin! The question that each of us must answer is, "What is the point?" The question can be answered once for the big picture, then it still must be answered day by day, event by event. It is answered in our perspective and our responses. Is God in control? In the details?

One author wrote concerning Jonah:

"Life for Jonah is a series of disconcerting surprises and frustrations."

1. God cared about _____

(Jonah 1:4, 13, 17; 2:10; 4:1,4; 4:6-8)

2. God cared about _____

(Jonah 1:2; 3:2,5-10; 4:9-11)

3. God cares about _____

A. _____

(Romans 8:28, 31-39)

B. _____

(John 3:14-17)

Jonah is not just the historical account of a disobedient prophet, a giant, ordained fish and a sinful city. The story is of an active, vested God who continues to pursue the prophet ... Who wanted the message preached ...

Obviously, a God concerned with details.

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