

When the prophet Jonah was fleeing from the call of God on his life, the ship he was on encountered a bad storm. The sailors concluded that it was Jonah who was the cause of their dangerous misfortune. They demanded to know who he was, and what he had done to put them in danger. Jonah's situation illustrates a critical point: We do not act alone in life; our behaviour impacts those around us. It raises the rarely discussed dimension of stewardship, called the stewardship of influence. We are responsible for the influence we have on the lives of others.

Ask God each day for grace to be a Godly influence on those with whom you come in contact - to be salt and light in their life. (Matthew 5:13-16) Remember, your influence is negative or positive, never neutral.

Jonah 1:8 "Then the sailors said to Jonah: 'Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?'"