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Jonah is a literary masterpiece that has inspired authors, painters, poets, and musicians. But far from being some fairy tale about a fish, it's a real story with surprising relevance for our lives and the world we're living in right now. Together we will dive deep into this book.

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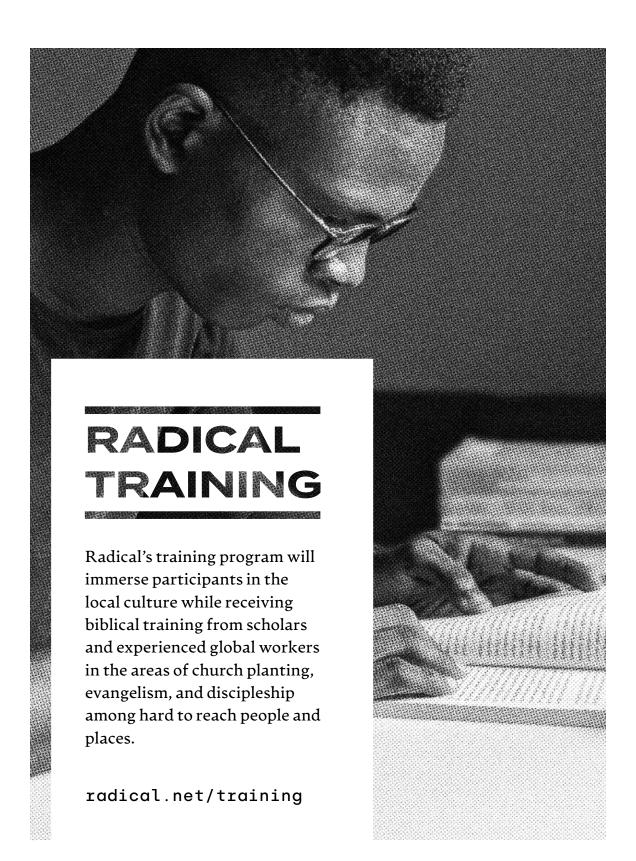


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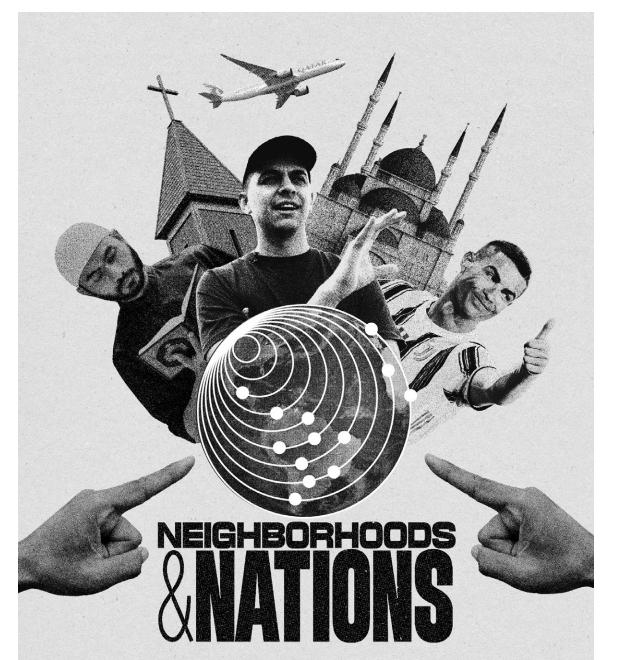




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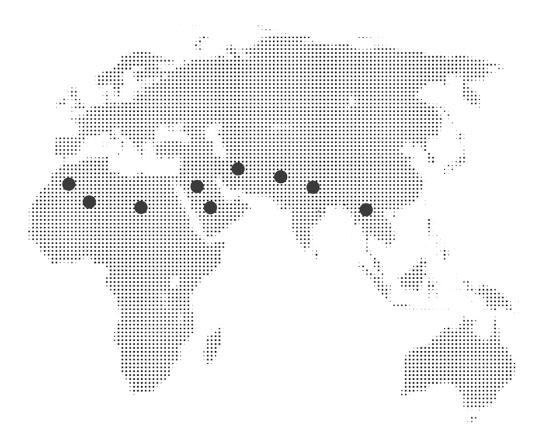
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Session 1 | Jonah 1

JONAH FLEES THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD



Psalm 119:162

¹⁶² I rejoice at your word

like one who finds great spoil.

Jonah 1:1

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah

the son of Amittai, saying,

Haggai 1:1

¹ In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

2 Kings 14:23-27

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king				
of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began		•		
to reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years.				
²⁴ And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.				
He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son				
of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin. ²⁵ He restored the				
border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of	•			
the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord, the God				
of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son				
of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher.				



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	•		·		2 Kings 14:23-27
•		•			²⁶ For the LORD saw that the affliction of Israel was very
•		•	•	•	bitter, for there was none left, bond or free, and there
					was none to help Israel. ²⁷ But the LORD had not said
•					that he would blot out the name of Israel from under
•		•	٠		heaven, so he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the
					son of Joash.
•					
					Hosea 7:3
•		•	٠		³ By their evil they make the king glad, and the princes
•	•	•	·		by their treachery.
•	•	•	•	•	by their treathery.
	•				
•					Hosea 13:10-11
•					¹⁰ Where now is your king, to save you in all your
•		•			cities? Where are all your rulers—those of whom you
•	•	٠	•		
					said, "Give me a king and princes"? 11 gave you a king
					in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath.

Amos 7:8b-9

8 Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb

line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again

pass by them; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made

desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid

waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam

with the sword."

Amos 7:12-13

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."



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•	•	•		 ²⁷ But the Lord had not said that he would blot out the
				 name of Israel from under heaven, so he saved them by
•				 the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.
	٠	٠	•	
•				 Nahum 2:12
•	•	•		 ¹² The lion tore enough for his cubs and strangled prey
				 for his lionesses; he filled his caves with prey and his

dens with torn flesh.

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Jonah 1:1-2

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."

1 Kings 17:8-10

to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there.

Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go

Jeremiah 13:6-7a

the Euphrates, and take from there the loincloth that I commanded you to hide there." ⁷ Then I went to the Euphrates,

⁶ And after many days the Lord said to me, "Arise, go to

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Genesis 10:8-11a

⁸ Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh,

Jonah 1:3

³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Amos 3:8

⁸ The lion has roared; who will not fear? The LORD God

has spoken; who can but prophesy?



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Isaiah 66:19

19 And from them I will send survivors to the nations,

to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal

and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not

heard my fame or seen my glory.

Jonah 1:4-5a

⁴ But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them.

Jonah 1:5b

But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

Isaiah 14:15

¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

Genesis 15:12

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

Daniel 8:18

¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up.

Jonah 1:6

⁶ So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Jonah 1:7a

⁷ And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us."

²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know

Acts 1:24-26

the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

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Jonah 1:7b-10a

they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" 9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!"

Genesis 3:13

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

Jonah 1:10b-14

For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. ¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." 13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you."

						Psalm 115:3-8
•	•					Our God is in the heavens;
•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	he does all that he pleases.
						⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
						the work of human hands.
						⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	eyes, but do not see.
						⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
						noses, but do not smell.
•						⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
•	•	•	•	•	•	feet, but do not walk;
						and they do not make a sound in their throat.
						8 Those who make them become like them;
		٠		٠		Those who make them become like them,
			•		٠	so do all who trust in them.

Psa.	lm	13	5:	5-	7
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5	For I know that the LORD is great,	•	٠	•		•	
	and that our Lord is above all gods.				٠		
5	Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,						
	in heaven and on earth,						
	in the seas and all deeps.						٠
7	He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of	•					•
		•			•		
	the earth,who makes lightnings for the rain		٠				
	and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.						



Isaiah 46:8-11

8 "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' 11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Jonah 1:15-16

15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.
16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Mark 4:41			•		
⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one			•		
another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the					
sea obey him?"					
TAKEAWAYS					
WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD		•	•		
	•	•	•	•	٠
• His Word is					
	•	•		•	
His sovereignty is					



•	•	•	٠	٠	Psalm 147:8-9
•	•	٠	٠		⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds;
•	•		•	٠	he prepares rain for the earth;
		•	•		he makes grass grow on the hills.
				•	⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
		•		•	and to the young ravens that cry.
					Psalm 147:16-18
					¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
				•	he scatters frost like ashes.
•				٠	¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
				•	who can stand before his cold?
		•			18 He sends out his word, and melts them;
				•	he makes his wind blow and the waters flow
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•	•			•	• Hisis real.
•	•	•	•	•	
				•	• Hisis relentless.
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of how God's Word defines us.
• It is possible for us to have a kind of
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		•		•	
				•	• God will draw theto know
	•	•		•	and worship him.
•	•	•	•	٠	
•	•	•	•	•	Psalm 46:10
			•	•	¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
					I will be exalted among the nations,
					I will be exalted in the earth!"
•	•			•	
					Revelation 7:9-10
					⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude
				•	that no one could number, from every nation, from all
٠	•	•	٠	•	tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
					throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,
•					with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out
•	•				with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who
				•	with a found voice, Sarvation belongs to our God who
					sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

• God is not just intent on the accomplishment
of his purpose; he is also intent on the hearts
of his



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PRAYER MOMENT

SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NEEDS IN IRAN

- For healthy churches to be planted among Persians throughout the region and for sound theology to take root in currently unhealthy churches.
- For the people of Iran to be open to the gospel, as sin and oppression from Islam are causing people's hearts to be closed to all religion.
- For the gospel to spread throughout the villages of Iran—beyond large cities—to unreached people groups like the Kurds, the Qashqai, and the Baloch.
- For believers to understand the importance of gathering with other believers as a church body.
- For the over 56.6 million Persians worldwide to hear the gospel. Currently, 94 of the 97 Persian people groups are classified as "unreached."
- For opportunities for Persians to hear the true gospel through multimedia projects (as possessing or distributing printed Christian material in Farsi and evangelizing are illegal) and to engage with believers through follow up.
- For indigenous Christian leaders to be trained and equipped to rise up, make disciples, and plant healthy churches.
- For God to break down strongholds and bring spiritual revival to Iran.
- For the people of Iran to encounter the ultimate freedom that comes from faith in Christ, whether the current regime folds or remains.

- For believers around the world to pray and give of their resources so that the people of Iran will be reached with the gospel.
- For government leaders to pursue justice for the people and to work against human rights abuses.
- For provision for and deliverance of Iranians suffering from poverty, drug addiction, and depression.
- For safety and protection for the vulnerable, who are often oppressed and abused.
- For all Iranians to have access to meet their basic needs.
- For God to bring justice to those who do harm to the Iranian people.
- For justice to be done amidst a rise in imprisonment and execution orders, as a result of social unrest.

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Session 2 | Jonah 2

Jonah's prayer



Jonah 1:17

¹⁷ And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Psalm 21:8-9

- Your hand will find out all your enemies;

 your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- You will make them as a blazing oven

when you appear.

The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them.



Deuteronomy 4:26-31

²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today,			
that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you			•
are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live			
long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷ And the Lord			
will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left			
few in number among the nations where the LORD will			
drive you. ²⁸ And there you will serve gods of wood and			
stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor	•		
hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹ But from there you will seek			
the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search			
after him with all your heart and with all your soul.			



Sess	ion 2	Jo	onah 2			
						³⁰ When you are in tribulation, and all these things
•	•	•	•	•	•	come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the
						Lord your God and obey his voice. ³¹ For the Lord your
						God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy
					•	you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he
					•	swore to them.
•	•	•	٠	•	•	
•	•	•	•	•	•	Hosea 6:1-2
•	•	•		•	•	¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us,
•	•	•				that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will
•	•	•	•	•	•	
•	•	•			•	bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the
•	•	•	٠	•	•	third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.
•	•	•	•		•	
					•	Jonah 2:1-2a
						¹ Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from
•	•	•	٠	•	•	the belly of the fish, ² saying,
•	•	•	•	٠	•	
•	•	•	•		•	"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
						and he answered me;

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Psalm 18:6	•	•	•	•	•
6 In my distress I called upon the LORD;	•	•	•		
to my God I cried for help.	•	•		•	•
From his temple he heard my voice,					
and my cry to him reached his ears.		•			
Psalm 120:1					
¹ In my distress I called to the Lord,					
and he answered me.		•		•	
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Jonah 2:2b	•	٠	•	•	•
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,					
and you heard my voice.					
					•
Job 7:9	•	•	•	•	٠
⁹ As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who goes down	•	•	•	•	
to Sheol does not come up;					

7 Deep calls to deep

at the roar of your waterfalls;

all your breakers and your waves

have gone over me.

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⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away

from your sight;

yet I shall again look

upon your holy temple.'

Genesis 3:24

²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



Jonah 2:5-6

The waters closed in over me to take my life;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head

at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O Lord my God.

Amos 2:10a

 $^{\rm 10}$ Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of

Egypt



Jonah 2:7-10	•	٠	٠	٠	•	
⁷ When my life was fainting away,						
I remembered the Lord,	•					
and my prayer came to you,	•	•	•	•		
into your holy temple.						
8 Those who pay regard to vain idols						
forsake their hope of steadfast love.						
9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving					•	
will sacrifice to you;						
what I have vowed I will pay.						
Salvation belongs to the Lord!"	•					
¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited						
Jonah out upon the dry land.						

					Psalm 32:5
•	•				⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
					and I did not cover my iniquity;
					I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
•					and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
•	•				•
					Psalm 51:1-4
					¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
			•		according to your steadfast love;
•		٠	•	•	according to your abundant mercy
					blot out my transgressions.
•				•	Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
•					and cleanse me from my sin!
					For I know my transgressions,
					and my sin is ever before me.
•				•	

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⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned				•		
and done what is evil in your sight,	•					
so that you may be justified in your words						
and blameless in your judgment.					·	
	I					
Jonah 2:2-9		•	•	•	•	
² "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,						
and he answered me;						
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,						
and you heard my voice.						
³ For you cast me into the deep,						
into the heart of the seas,						
and the flood surrounded me;						
all your waves and your billows						
passed over me.						

					4 Then I said, 'I am driven away
		•			from your sight;
			•		yet I shall again look
					upon your holy temple.'
		•			⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life;
•		•	•		the deep surrounded me;
					weeds were wrapped about my head
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Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

Genesis 8:1

⁸ But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.



Luke 18:11-13

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayedthus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

1 Samuel 15:22-23

²² And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry."

TAKEAWAYS

• God is merciful toward the most			
sinners.	·		•

• God is able to bring life to the _____.

Matthew 12:38-40

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him,

saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But

he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation

seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the

sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three

days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so

will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the

heart of the earth.

 Jonah experienced judgment forsin.
 Jesus experienced judgment for sin.
• Jonah was alive after three days in a
 • Jesus was alive after three days in a
 Jonah 2:6
 6 at the roots of the mountains.
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 O Lord my God.

Genesis 50:20	•		•	•	•	•
²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant	•	٠		•	•	•
it for good, to bring it about that many people should be						
kept alive, as they are today.						
Psalm 49:14-15						
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;						
death shall be their shepherd,						
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.	•	•				
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with						
no place to dwell.						•
¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,						
for he will receive me.		٠				•
Dool - 77.26						
Psalm 73:26						
²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,						
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion						
forever.		•	•	•	٠	

	•			 Matthew 19:26
		٠	•	 ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is
•				 impossible, but with God all things are possible."
			•	
				 Romans 5:7-8
		•	•	 ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though
	٠	٠	•	 perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
•	•	•	•	 ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still
				 sinners, Christ died for us.
				 Romans 6:23
				 ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
				 eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
٠	•	•	•	
•	•		•	
	•	•	•	
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Ephesians 2:1-9

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,



• God is sovereign over all

• God alone is theof salvation.					
Acts 4:12					
¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no					
other name under heaven given among men by which we					٠
must be saved."					
Jonah 2:9					
9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving		•			•
will sacrifice to you;	•	٠			
what I have vowed I will pay.					
Salvation belongs to the Lord!"					
		•			
Matthew 1:21	•	•	•	•	•
²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for	•	•			•
he will save his people from their sins."		•	٠	٠	•
• God alone is the of salvation.					

•		•			•	Exodus 33:19
•		•				¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before
						you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.'
						And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and
						will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."
						Romans 9:16
						¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but
			•	•		on God, who has mercy.
•	•	٠	•	•	•	
						Revelation 7:9-10
						Revelation 7:9-10 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that
						⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that
						9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
						⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
						⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm

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- For Christians in prison to have perseverance, joy, and the ability to recall Scripture.
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Session 3 | Jonah 3

Jonah Goes to Nineveh



Jonah 3:1

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

Jonah 1:1

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

 $^{\rm 17}$ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-

Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,

but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are

Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the

gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Acts 10:5

⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter.

Jonah 3:2-4

² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

•					Genesis 6:5-7
•	•	•	•	٠	⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in
•	٠	•	•	•	the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his
					heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted
					that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to
•				٠	his heart. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I
	•				have created from the face of the land, man and animals
					and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am
	٠		•	٠	sorry that I have made them."
					Genesis 7:17-23
					¹⁷ The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters
	•	•	•		· increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the

increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the
earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and increased greatly on
the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

¹⁹ And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that
all the high mountains under the whole heaven were
covered.

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²⁰ The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering						
them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved	•					
on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming						
creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.			•	•		
²² Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the	•	•	•	•		
breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing		•	٠	٠	٠	
that was on the face of the ground, man and animals						
and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were						
blotted out from the earth.	•					
Deuteronomy 9:25						
²⁵ "So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days						
and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would	•	•	•	•	•	
destroy you.						
Numbers 13:25						
²⁵ At the end of forty days they returned from spying out						
the land.		•		•		

Numbers 14:32-35

32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.' 35 I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die."

Jonah 3:4b

And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Genesis 19:24-25	•	٠	٠	٠	•
²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur		٠			•
and fire from the LORD out of heaven. ²⁵ And he overthrew					
those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of					
the cities, and what grew on the ground.					
Esther 9:22		٠	٠	٠	
²² as the days on which the Jews got relief from their					
enemies, and as the month that had been turned for					
them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into	٠				
a holiday;	•	•	•	•	
Jonah 3:5a					
⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God.			•	•	
	•				
Genesis 15:6			•	•	•
⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as					
righteousness.					

Jonah 3:5b

They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

1 Kings 21:27

²⁷ And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly.

Daniel 9:3-4a

³ Then I turned my face to the LORD God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession,

Jonah 3:6-8a

he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God.

Joel 1:18

¹⁸ How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep suffer.

Ioel 1:20

²⁰ Even the beasts of the field pant for you because the water brooks are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel 2:22

²² Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

Jonah 3:8b-9

Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows?

God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

Joel 2:14

¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

Jonah 1:6

⁶ Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Jonah 1:14a

¹⁴Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life,



Jonah 3:10

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Jeremiah 18:7-8

⁷ If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.

Exodus 32:14

¹⁴ And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Numbers 23:19	•	•	•	•	•	
¹⁹ God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that						
he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not	•				•	
do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?						
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 and God's mercy! 		٠	•			



2 Kings 17:13-15

and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets." ¹⁴ But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God. ¹⁵ They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them.

Matthew 12:38-41

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him,
 saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But
 he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation
 seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the
 sign of the prophet Jonah.

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⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days a	nd three nights in	•		•		•	
the belly of the great fish, so will the So	on of Man be three	•		•	•	•	
days and three nights in the heart of th	ne earth.						
⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at t	he judgment with						•
this generation and condemn it, for th	ey repented at the		•				٠
preaching of Jonah, and behold, some	thing greater than						
Jonah is here.							٠
Mark 1:15b		•		•		•	•
Repent and believe in the gospel.							
•to repe	ent and receive						
God's mercy!							



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Jonah 3:1

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying,

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Acts 1:8

8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit

has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in

Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of

the earth."

Acts 2:37-41

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart,
and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers,
what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent
and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is
for you and for your children and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Ezekiel 33:1-9

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, speak
to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon
a land, and the people of the land take a man from among
them, and make him their watchman, 3 and if he sees the
sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and
warns the people, 4 then if anyone who hears the sound
of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword
comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his
own head.

⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take		•				
warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had						
taken warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶ But if the						
watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow						
the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the						
sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is						
taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at						
the watchman's hand. ⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made		•				٠
a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear		•	٠			
a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning						
from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall						
surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to		•				
turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his				•		
iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But						
if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does						٠
not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity,	•			•	•	
			•	•	•	

 Trust the of God's Word. Acts 2:41 ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. **Acts 4:4** ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. Acts 4:29-31 ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 6:4		•		•		٠
⁴ "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the	•	•	٠		•	
ministry of the word."						
Acts 6:7a						
⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the	•					•
number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem,						
Acts 8:4						
⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching						
the word.	•	•	•			
Acts 8:14	•	•	٠	٠	•	•
¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that						
Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them	•					•
Peter and John,	•					•
Acts 8:25	•	•	•			
²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word	•	٠	•	٠	•	•
of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the						
gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.						

				 Acts 10:44
	٠	•		 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy
				 Spirit fell on all who heard the word.
				 Acts 11:1
				 ¹¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were
•				 throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had
•	•	٠	٠	 received the word of God.
				 Acts 11:19
				 ¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the
•				 persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as
•	•	٠		 Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word
				 to no one except Jews.
•				 Acts 12:24
				 ²⁴ But the word of God increased and multiplied.
•	٠	•		 Acts 13:5a
				 ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the
•				 word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.

Acts 13:7	•	٠	•	٠	•	•
⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of	•	•	•			•
intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and			•			
sought to hear the word of God.						
Acts 13:44-49		•				
44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to						
hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw				•	٠	•
the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to						
contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.						•
46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying,	•					٠
"It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first	٠					
to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves						
unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the						٠
Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,	•					٠
"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may						
bring salvation to the ends of the earth."						٠

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				•		⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing
			•	•	•	and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were
•	•	•		•	٠	
						appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the
		•	•			Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.
						Acts 14:25
					•	²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they
						went down to Attalia,
•	•	•		•	•	
						Acts 15:35-36
				•	•	³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching
•		٠		•		and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others
٠	٠	•	•	•	•	also. ³⁶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let
						us return and visit the brothers in every city where we
						proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."
•	•		٠		•	
					•	Acts 16:32
					•	³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all
						who were in his house.

Acts 17:11	٠	•	٠	٠	•
¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in					
Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness,		•		•	٠
examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were					
so.					
		•		•	
Acts 18:5					•
⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul					
was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that	•				
the Christ was Jesus.		•	•	•	•
	٠	•	•	•	•
Acts 18:11	•			•	
¹¹ And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word	•	٠			
of God among them.					
Acts 19:10					
¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents					
of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.					

	•		٠	•		Acts 19:20
		•	•			20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and
•	٠	•	•	•		prevail mightily.
•	٠	٠	•	•	٠	
•	٠	•	•	•	٠	
•	٠	•	٠	•	٠	Proclaim it all over the
		•	•	•		
						Matthew 9:37-38
						$^{ m 37}$ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful,
						but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly
	٠	•				to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his
						harvest."
						Jonah 3:4b
		•	•	•		And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh
						shall be overthrown!"
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Session 4 | Jonah 4

JONAH'S ANGER AND THE LORD'S COMPASSION



Jonah 3:10

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Jonah 4:1-2a

 $^{\rm 1}\,\rm But$ it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. $^{\rm 2}\,\rm And$ he prayed to the Lord



Jonah 2:1

¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

Jonah 4:2b

and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.



Exodus 34:6-8

6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." 8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Numbers 14:18-19

¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

Psalm 86:15	· 	•	•	•	•	•
But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious	-			•	٠	٠
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love a	ınd	•	٠	•	•	
faithfulness.						
Psalm 103:8		٠				•
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,	- .				•	•
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.						
Nehemiah 9:16-17						
¹⁶ "But they and our fathers acted presumptuou	ısly					
and stiffened their neck and did not obey yo	our .	٠				•
commandments. ¹⁷ They refused to obey and were 1	not .	٠			•	•
mindful of the wonders that you performed among the	e m,		٠		٠	•
but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader	to .					
return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God rea	ady ·					
to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger a	and					•
abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them	ı."					

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⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

Jonah 4:3

³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

1 Kings 19:4

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

Jonah 2:6b-9

my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowedIwillpay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

Jonah 4:4

⁴ And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

•	•	•		 Genesis 3:9-13
•	•	٠		⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him,
				 "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of
				 you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked,
•	•	•		 and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were
•	•	•	•	naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded
				 you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you
	٠			 gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I
•				 ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is
				 this that you have done?"
				Genesis 4:9-10
				 ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your
•	٠	•	•	 brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's
				 keeper?" ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done?"
	•			 Luke 22:48
	•			 ⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of
•	•	•		 Man with a kiss?"

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

•					Genesis 4:16
•					16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD
•	•	٠	٠	•	and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
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					Genesis 11:2
					² And as people migrated from the east, they found a
					plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
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•	•	٠	٠	•	Genesis 13:11-13
•	•	٠	٠	•	¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot
					journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.
					· 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled
•		٠			among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far
					as Sodom. ¹³ Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great
					. sinners against the LORD.
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Zechariah 14:16

16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that
have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year
to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the

Feast of Booths.

Jonah 4:5b

He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.



Exodus 32:31-32

³¹ "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written."

Jonah 4:6

⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort.

Jonah 1:9

⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

Jonah 2:1

¹ Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

Jonah 2:6

⁶ at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O Lord my God.



Jonah 4:6-11

⁶Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."

which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Deuteronomy 5:32-33

32 You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your

God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the

right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the way

that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you

may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you

may live long in the land that you shall possess.

	•				•	Deuteronomy 17:11
	•	٠	٠	٠	•	¹¹ According to the instructions that they give you, and
						according to the decision which they pronounce to you,
						you shall do. You shall not turn aside from the verdict
					٠	that they declare to you, either to the right hand or to the
•			٠		•	left.
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	•			•	•	Joshua 23:6
•	•	٠	٠	•	•	⁶ Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is
						written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside
	•			٠		from it neither to the right hand nor to the left,
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	•	•		•	•	Romans 2:14-15a
						¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature
			•			do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves,
	•				•	even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that
	•	٠		•		the work of the law is written on their hearts,

SEVEN QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever wanted (or even now, do you ever					•
want) your more than God's?				•	
	•	•	•	•	•
	•		•		•
2. Are you inclined to settle for the comforts of people		•		•	•
and places that are to you instead				٠	
of paying a cost to go to people and places that are					
to you? (Especially if those					
people are threatening to you or perceived as your		•		•	
enemies?)					
3. How often do you for and desire					
the good of other people (and countries) that may					
be considered your enemies (or enemies of your					
country)?					

TAKEAWAYS

• We are				
• It is possible for us to				
the mercy of God yet				
the mission of God.				
• We like our		•	•	•
• We lackfor others.				
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• We don't like God's	٠			
• We don't like God's			•	
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• We need		٠		

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	•	•		•	We need Jesus to us from our sin
	•			•	and us to live
•	•	•	•		on mission with him.
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				•	Matthew 4:19
			•	•	¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you
•	•	•	•	•	fishers of men."
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		•	•	•	Matthew 28:18-20
				•	¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in
					heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore
	•	•	•	•	and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
					and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
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• We need Jesus to so transform us that when we see				
wrong and/or are wronged, we				
and the mercy of God.	•	•	•	•
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2 Peter 3:5-9

⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Ses	sion 4	4 J	onah 4		
					⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count
			•	•	slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any
		•	•	•	should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
		٠			• We need Jesus to so transform us that when we
•					see wrong and/or are wronged, we
	•	٠	•	٠	and for the justice of God.
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		•	•		Nahum 1:1-3
•		•	•	•	An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of
			•	•	Nahum of Elkosh. ² The Lord is a jealous and avenging
		٠	•	•	God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes
					vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his
			•	•	enemies. ³ The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,
					and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty.
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(or enemies of our country).

	•			Luke 23:34
			٠	³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know
	•			not what they do."
•	•	•		Acts 7:60
	•			⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice,
				"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."
				We need Jesus to so transform us that we
٠		•		for the spread of
				the gospel to all nations, particularly those with
				the least access to the gospel.
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				We need Jesus to so transform us that we
•		•		willingly and gladly for the nations right where
	•	٠	٠	we live and God leads.

A FINAL WORD & QUESTION

Your disobedience does not have to be the			•
of your story.	•	•	٠

• His exaltation will be the end of _____

Revelation 7:9-12

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that
no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes
and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm
branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud
voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb!"

Sess	ion 4	Jor	nah 4		
•	•	•	•		¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne
	•		•		and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
					they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
					God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
			•		and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to
•	•		•		our God forever and ever! Amen."
•					• Will your story with the
•					purpose of his story?
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Page 111 - way, will, familiar, foreign, pray

Page 112 - questioned, compassion, destinies, your, all

Page 113 - Jonah, receive, resist, comforts, concern, commission, character, Jesus

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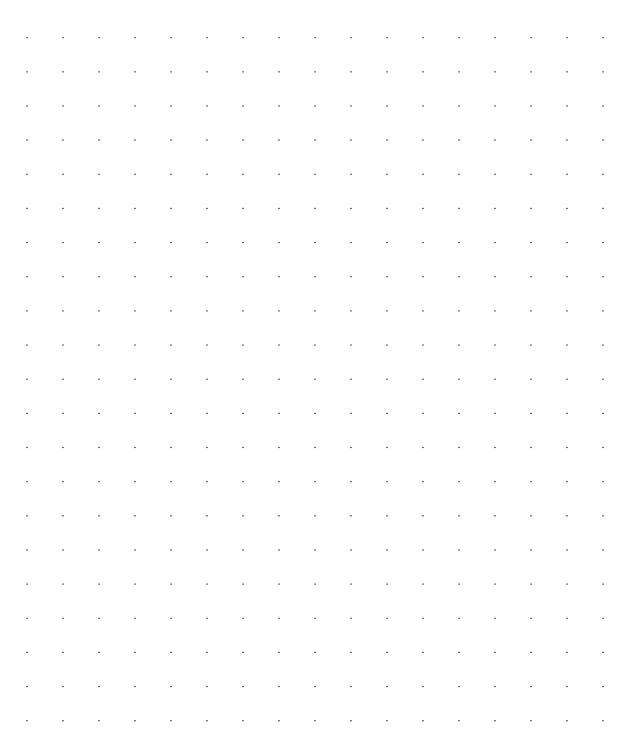
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