

The Story of Jonah

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Jonah 1

The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.

- Do You Have a Tarshish?

- Do You Have a Ninevah?

• **Why Would God Ask Us To Do Something Uncomfortable, Scary, or Aggravating?**

- Maybe we are too _____.
- Maybe we are too _____.
- Maybe we need to get over our _____.
- Maybe God wants to _____ us.
- Maybe Jesus wants us to stop being _____ and start being _____.

Jonah 1:17

Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

• **Do You Have A Stinking Fish Blessing?**

Jonah 2:1-3, 10

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. ² He said, "I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble, and he answered me.

I called to you from the land of the dead, and LORD, you heard me! ³ You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves.

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¹⁰ Then the LORD ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

• **What are your "Then" moments?**

• _____ is not the same thing as _____.

• It's never too late to turn from _____.

• There is no such thing as somebody who is "_____" to be forgiven by God.

• The Pivotal Question for Jonah is...

"Is it right for you to be _____ about this?"

• Jonah is the story of God not just transforming a _____, but trying to transform a _____!