

JONAH

RESCUE & REVIVAL

Wandering the Wrong Way, Winds, Waves, a Whale & a Worm

ACT I

JONAH GETS HIS CALL

1. Jonah's response is _____

Jonah 1:3

However, Jonah has not escaped his _____.

Jonah 1:9-10, & 16

ACT II

AFTER WINDS, WAVES & A WHALE, JONAH GETS A SECOND CHANCE

2. In the whale/sea creature, Jonah finally _____

And then gets his second chance after _____.

Jonah 2:1-10

ACT III

GOD'S COMPASSION PREVAILS

3. God is _____ & _____

Jonah 3:10; 4:2

Jonah is both _____ & _____,
as he gives God's message and in his response to God's mercy. Jonah 4:1-3

CLOSINGS CREDITS

A QUESTION AND A WORM

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Group Questions

1. Can you relate to Jonah in wanting to go in the very opposite direction or even, five times further away than where God has directed you or called you? Could He be directing you now? Are you resisting or leaning in?
2. Jonah knows that God is a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and great in lovingkindness, so much so, that he holds it against God because Jonah does not want his enemy to be entitled to that same mercy and compassion he has been given. And in Matthew 20:14-15, Jesus shares a story of “the Laborers in the Vineyard,” where the vineyard owner asks, “is your eye envious because I am generous?” Can you share where you may have that same struggle?
3. When Jonah is in his great depths of the sea, in the belly of the sea creature, he finally turns to prayer. In that prayer, his heart finally turns to thanksgiving. And that is the point, when his hard heart turns, that God gives him a second chance. Do you have any testimony of a wall coming down, a door opening, or even a whale, that held you, spitting you out, once your heart repositioned?
4. The Worm. God lavishes love and coverage over Jonah, even while he is pouting about God’s compassion on his enemy. So God brings a tiny worm that devours and destroys what He has given Jonah. Can you testify to the power of allowing a very little thing, such as a thought, attitude, bitterness, resentment, coveting, jealousy, envy, unforgiveness, or entitlement, devour, damage or destroy where God has you or what He has given you?



God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh, Assyria (Iraq, today), which is about 550 miles away from where Jonah is, in Joppa (Tel Aviv, today).
Jonah buys a ticket, jumps on a boat and sails to Tarshish (southwest point of Spain), which is about 2,500 miles away from Joppa and in the complete opposite direction of Nineveh. This is all “to escape the presence of the Lord.” Jonah 1:3 (emphasized 2 times).