

# JONAH

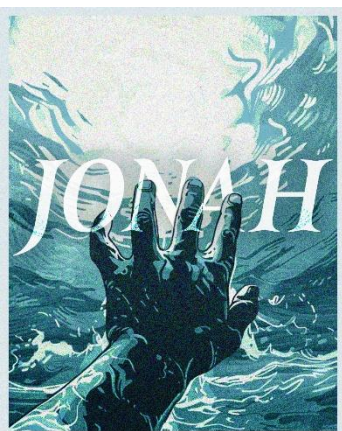


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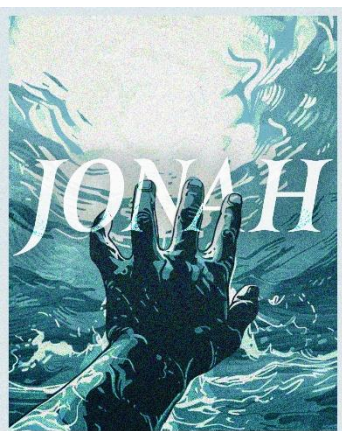
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Jonah 1:1–3 (NIV)







But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.



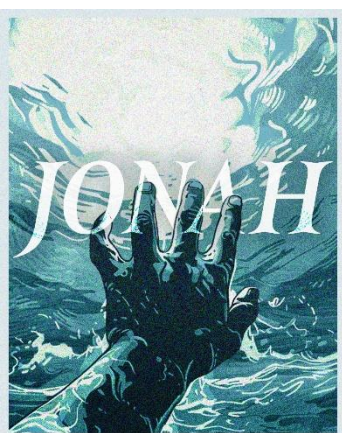
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But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...

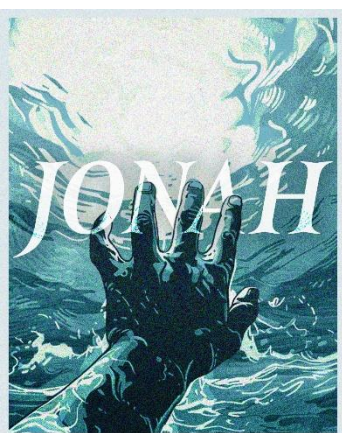


Matthew 6:33 (NIV)



Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

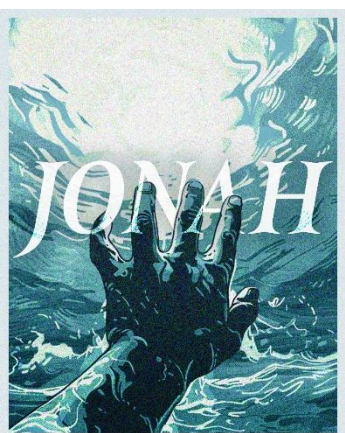
Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise.



1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (NLT)



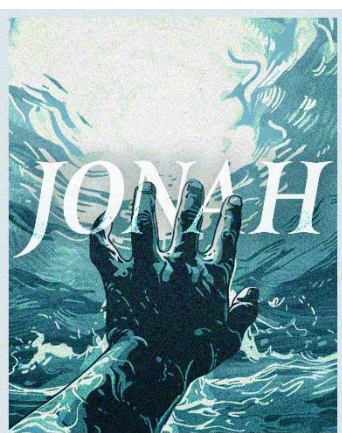
And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.



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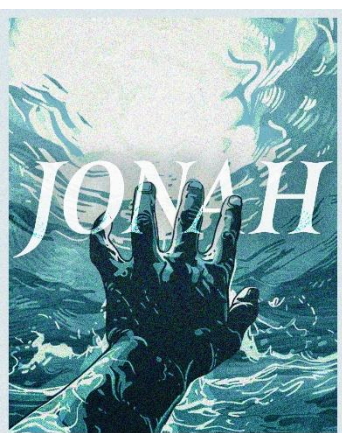
I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Philippians 4:13 (NIV)



But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.



1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT)





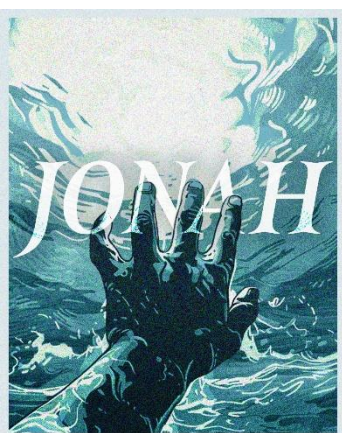
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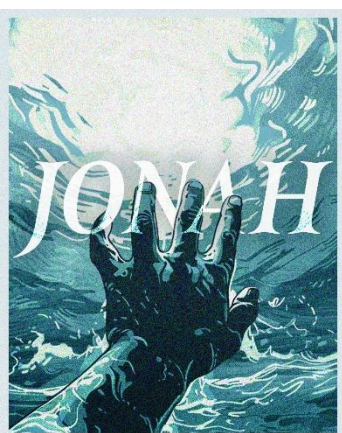
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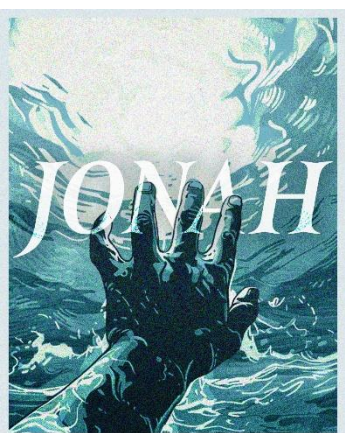
I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all  
perish.



Luke 13:3 (NIV)



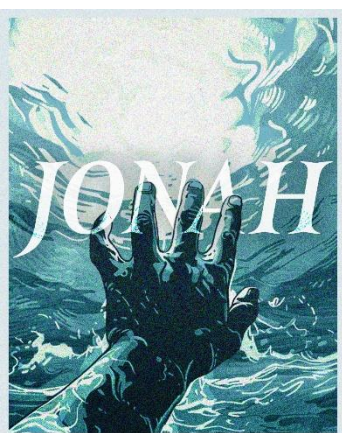
Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)



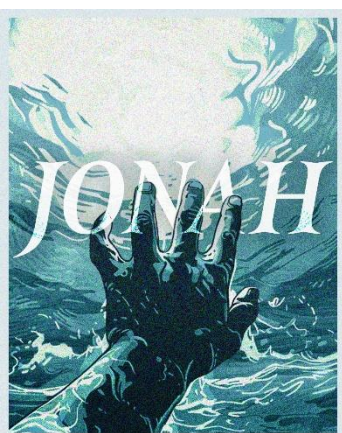
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, **telling people about me everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Acts 1:8 (NLT)



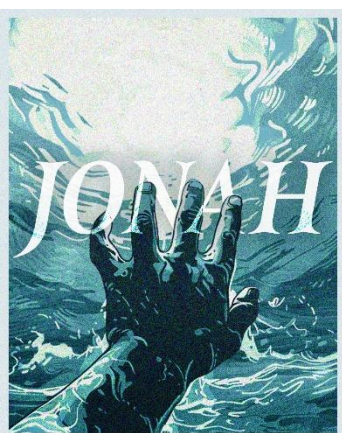
For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? **And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?**



Romans 10:13–14 (NLT)



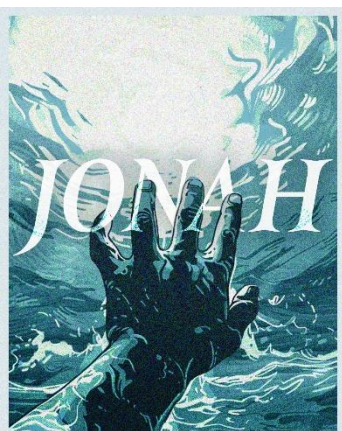
how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?  
This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord,  
was confirmed to us by those who heard him.



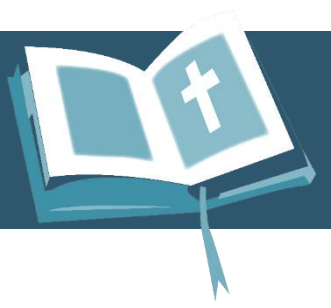
Hebrews 2:3 (NIV)



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.



Romans 1:16 (NIV)





# If I want to run from God, the devil will always offer me a ride.

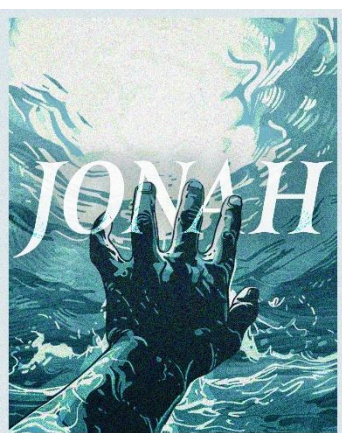
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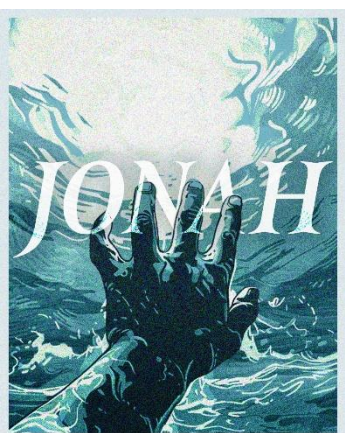
When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.



Jonah 3:10–4:3 (NIV)




He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”



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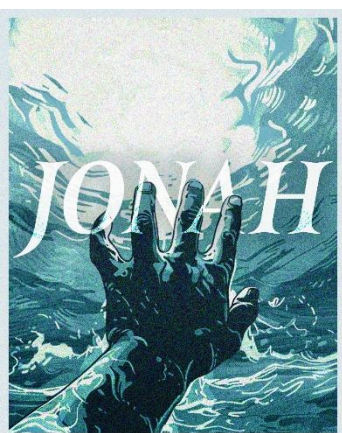




There is nothing you  
have done that God  
cannot forgive.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom **I am the worst.**

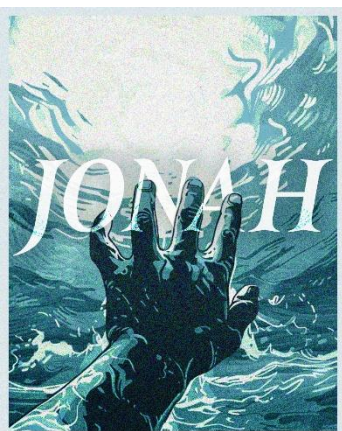
But for that very reason **I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.**



1 Timothy 1:15–16 (NIV)



and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who  
sin against us.



Matthew 6:12 (NLT)



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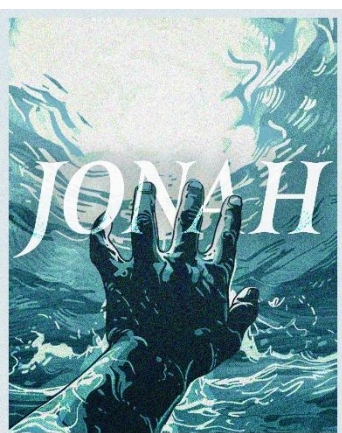
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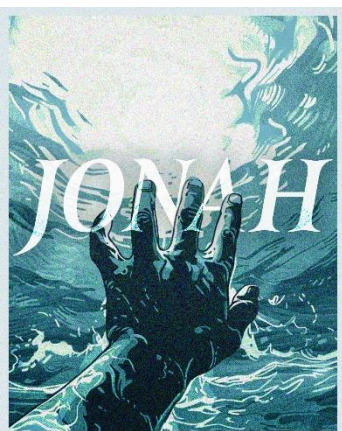
Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.



Jonah 1:4–6 (NIV)



But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”



Jonah 1:4–6 (NIV)



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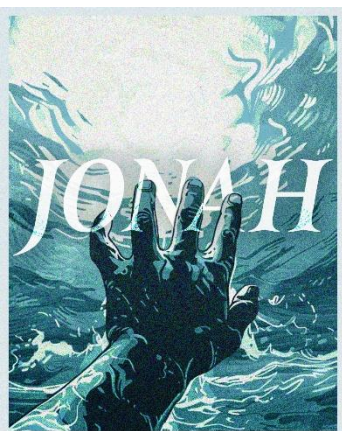
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“If you love me, keep my commands.

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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John 14:15, 21 (NIV)





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