





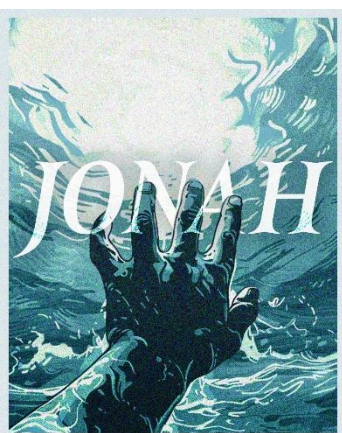
JONAH





I WANT TO
FOLLOW
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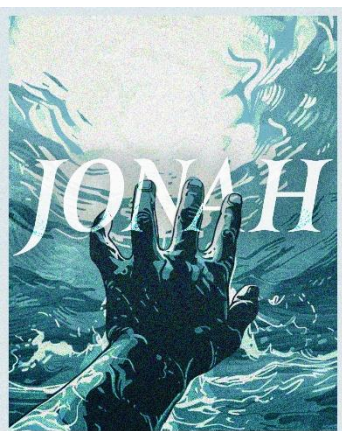
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...



Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

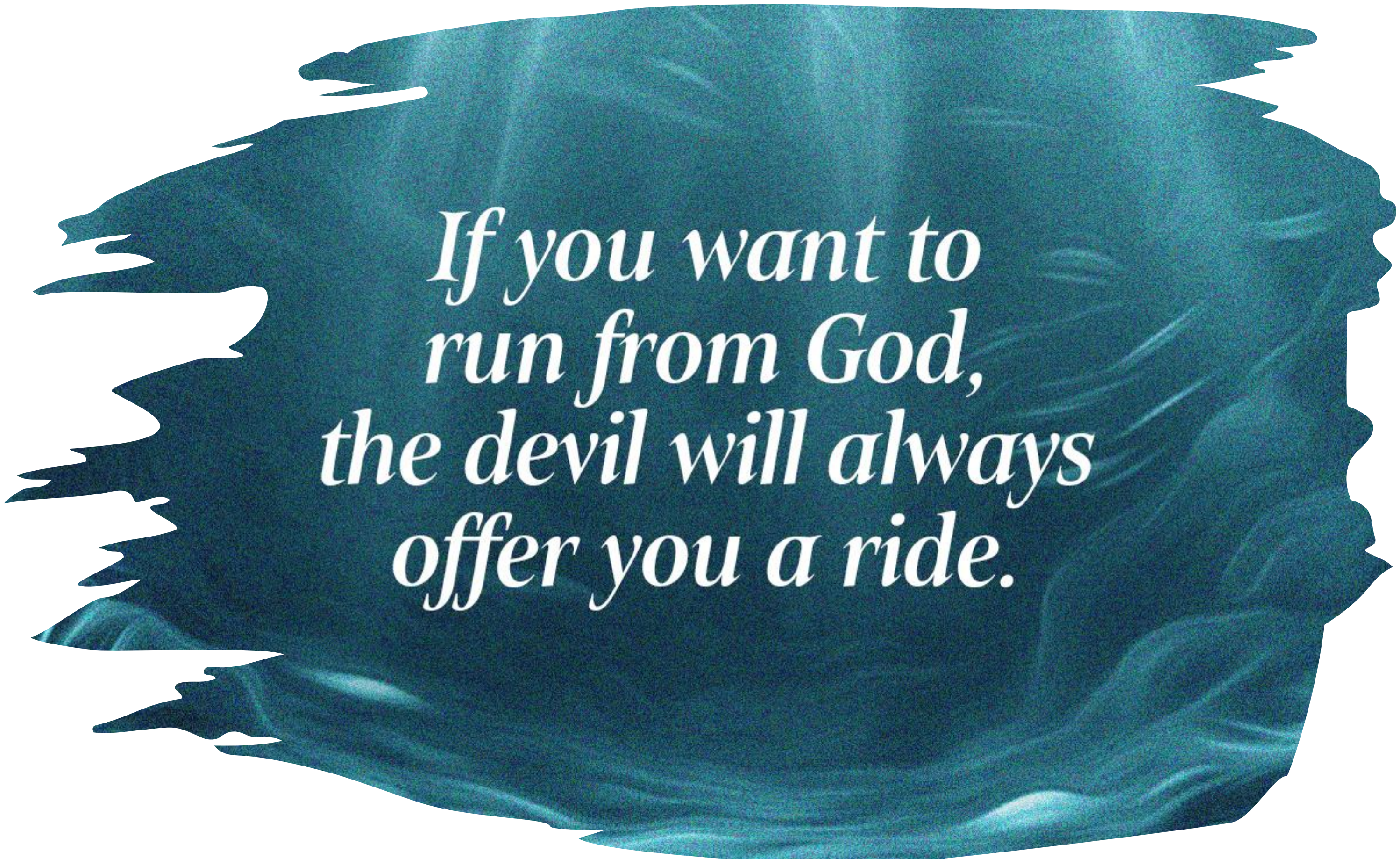


And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.



Mark 16:15 (NLT)



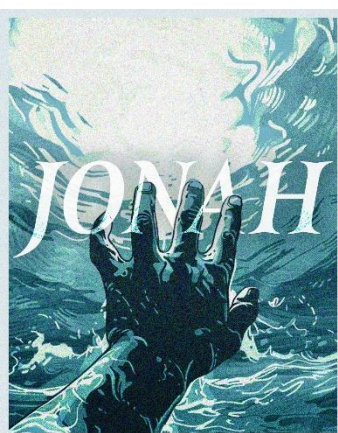


*If you want to
run from God,
the devil will always
offer you a ride.*



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- So, what should I do when life seems hopeless?
 - Sometimes what I call a problem, God calls provision.
 - What should I pray when I am in over my head?
 - God's plan is always better than my plans.
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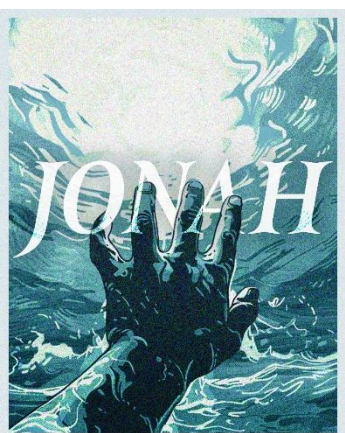
Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent.



Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV)



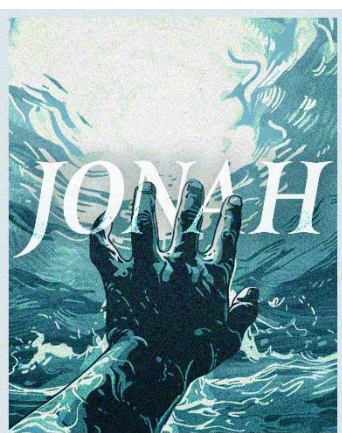
And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.



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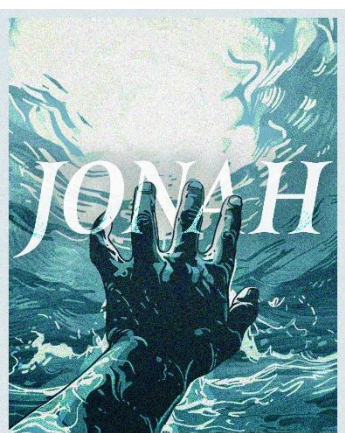
Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water.



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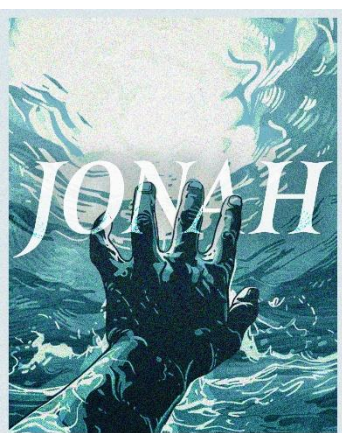
But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?



Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV)



Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.



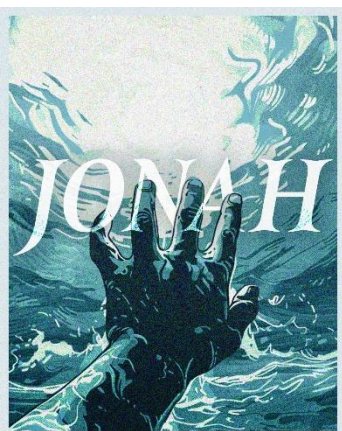
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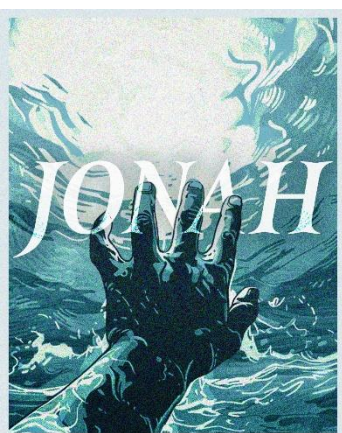
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John 13:37–14:3 (NIV)



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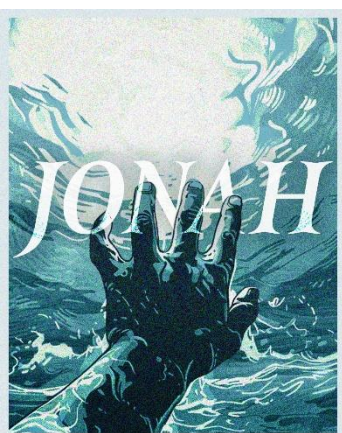
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Jesus Comforts His Disciples

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² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there^w to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back^x and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.^y ⁴ You

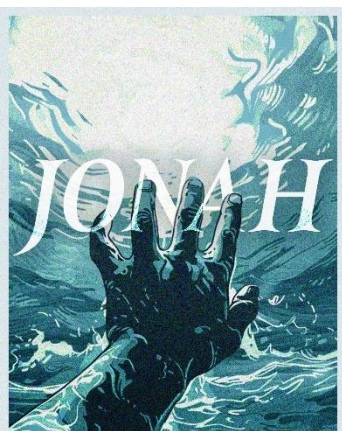
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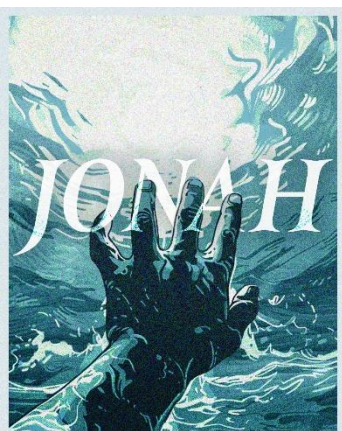
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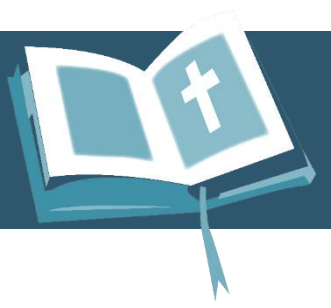
Jonah 3:1 (NIV)



Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

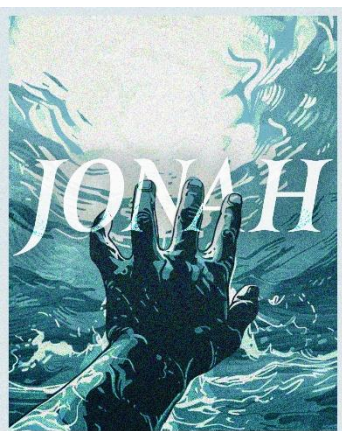


Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)



“A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful.

BUT if he confesses and forsakes them, **he gets another chance.”**

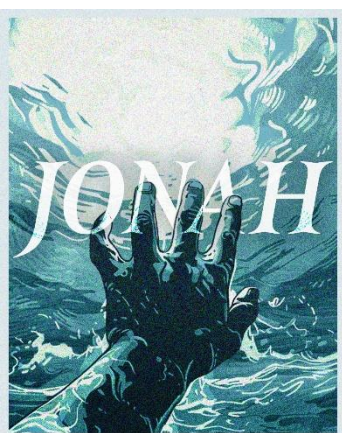


Proverbs 28:13 (LB)



The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies
never cease.

Great is his faithfulness; **his mercies begin afresh each
morning.**



Lamentations 3:22–23 (NLT)

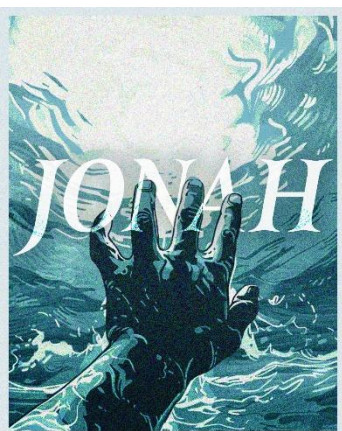


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Every day is a new
day with Jesus!

Now **repent** of your sins and **turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.

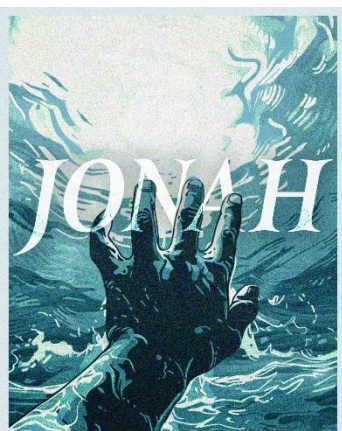


Acts 3:19–20 (NLT)



This means that anyone who belongs to Christ **has become a new person.**

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!



2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)



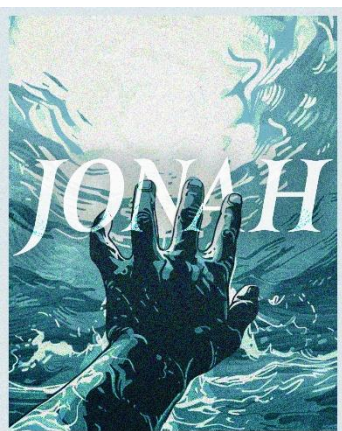
Don't take God's second chances for granted

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We serve a God of second chances!




The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase.






Romans 5:20–6:2 (NIV)

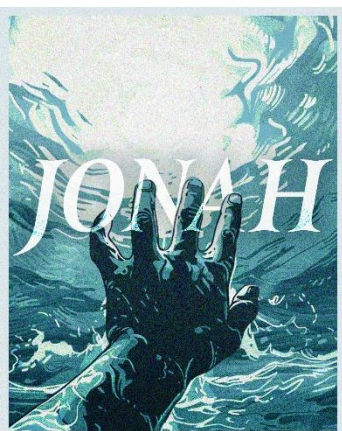




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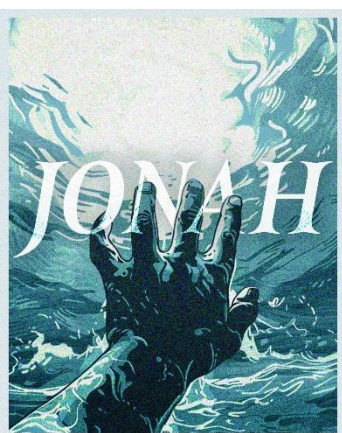
Not a single person on earth is always good and never
sins.



Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)



But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



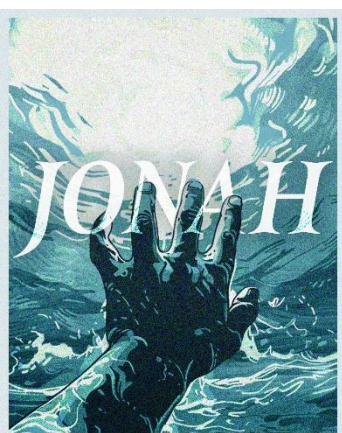
Romans 5:20–6:2 (NIV)





There is nothing I've
done that God cannot
forgive.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?



Romans 5:20–6:2 (NIV)



If God does this for me, I want to do something for Him

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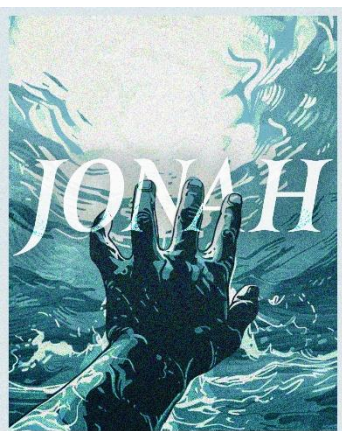
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“Jonah told God,

‘I will sing my thanksgiving to you, and
I will sacrifice to you and
I’ll do what I’ve promised you to do,

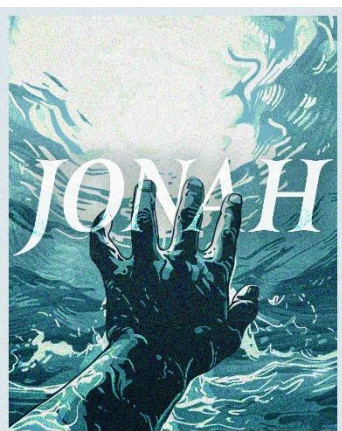
because salvation comes from you Lord!’



Jonah 2:9-10



Then God ordered the fish to spit up Jonah onto the beach, and it did.”




Jonah 2:9-10





Those who have been forgiven
much will love much



Don't delay – Obey today!

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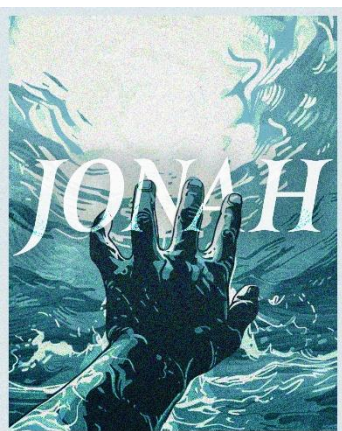
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If God does this for me, I
want to do something for
Him

This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all.



Jonah 3:3 (NLT)



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Delayed obedience
is disobedience



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