



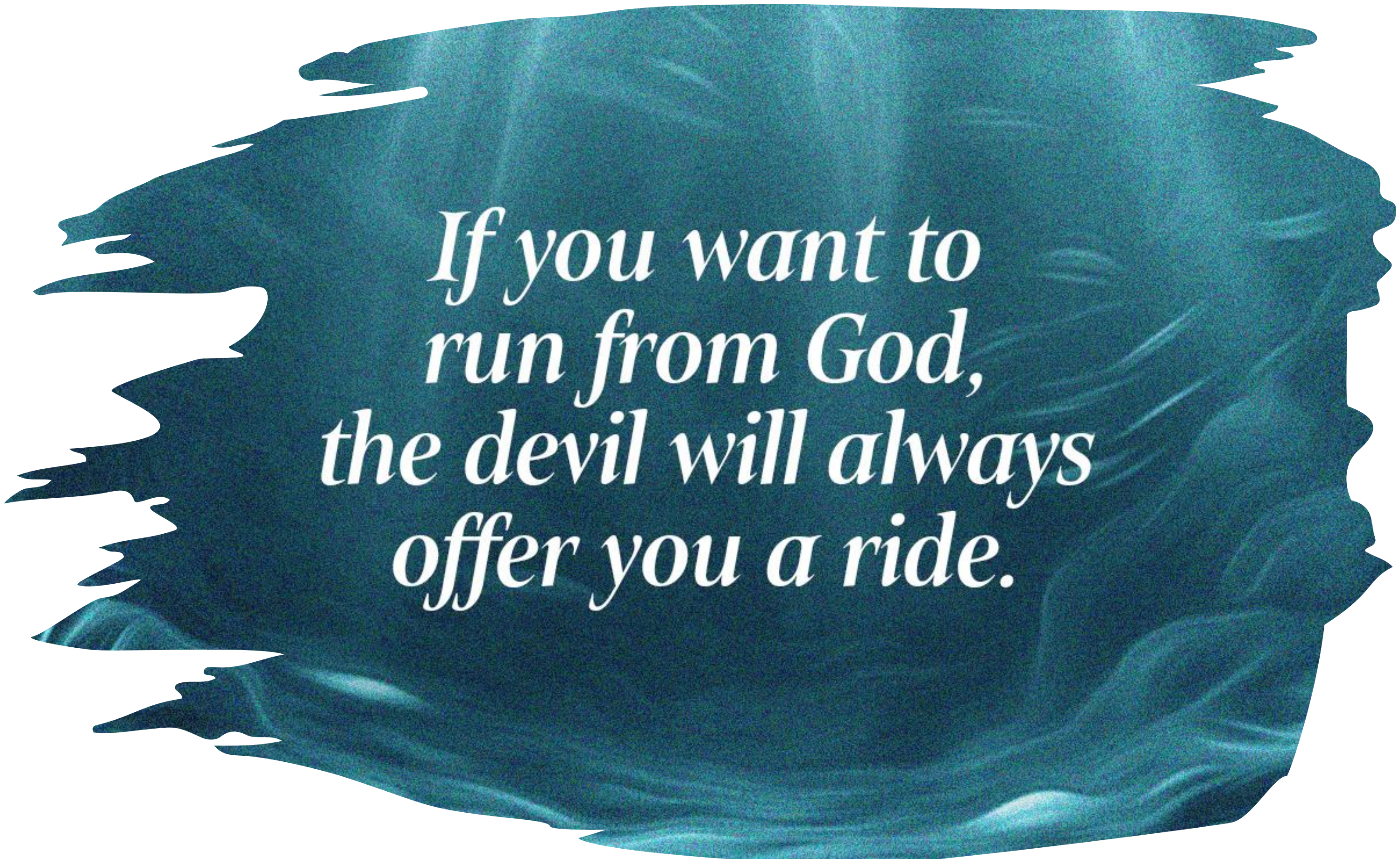


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I WANT TO
FOLLOW
JESUS... AS
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WHERE I AM
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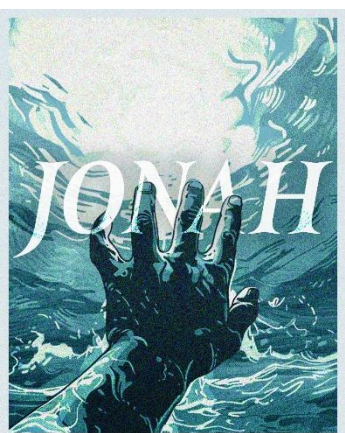
*If you want to
run from God,
the devil will always
offer you a ride.*

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We serve a God of
second chances!

When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes.

Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: “No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all.

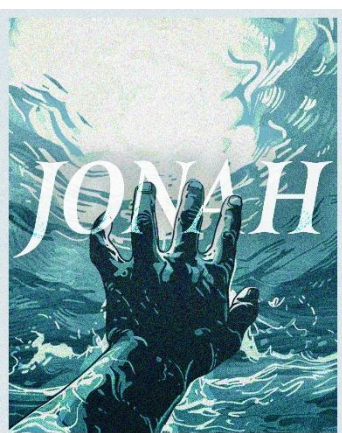


Jonah 3:6–10 (NLT)



People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence.

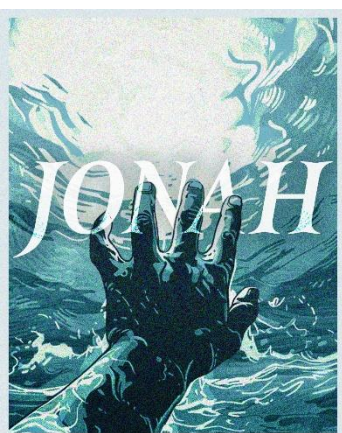
Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us.”



Jonah 3:6–10 (NLT)



When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.



Jonah 3:6–10 (NLT)





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Don't get mad when God's plan isn't your plan.

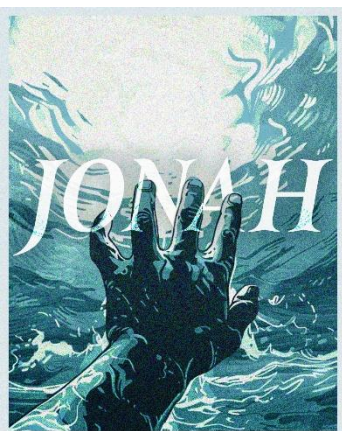
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When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

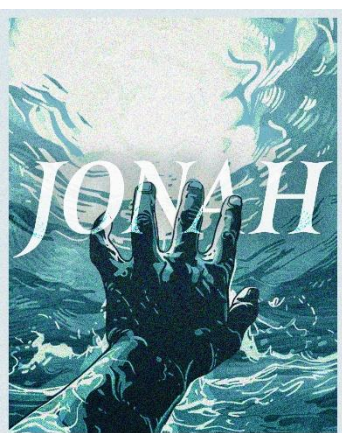
But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and **he became angry.**



Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 (NIV)



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

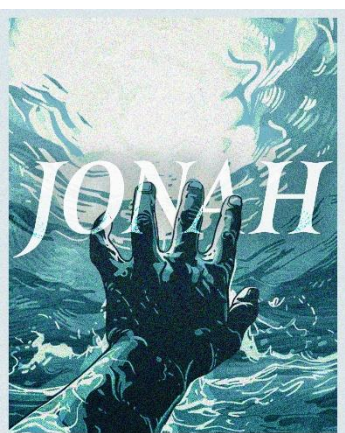


Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV)



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.

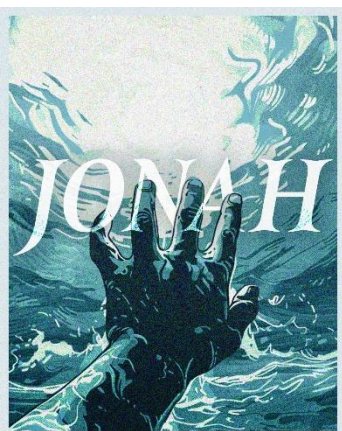
I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.



Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 (NIV)



“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven...



Matthew 5:43–48 (NIV)



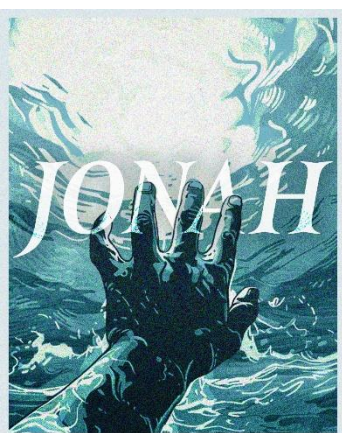
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Do you really want God to give people what they deserve?

Before you answer too quickly, think about this...

Do you want God to give you what you deserve?

As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;



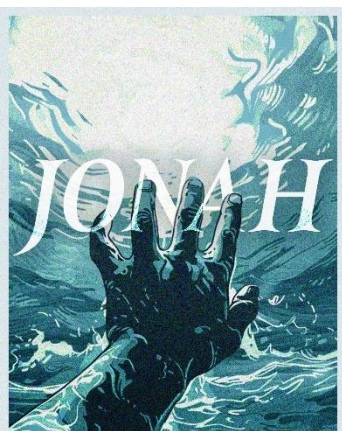
Romans 3:10–12 (NIV)





If I want grace, I
should expect God
to give grace.

Now, LORD, **take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.**”



Jonah 4:3 (NIV)



God wants me to do the right thing with the right heart

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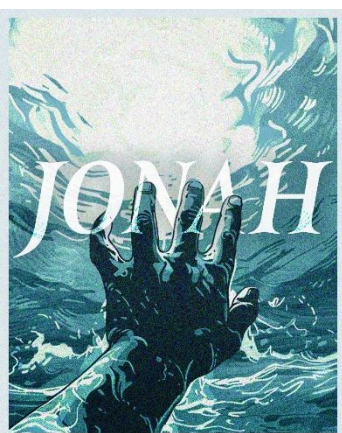
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For **if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable** according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

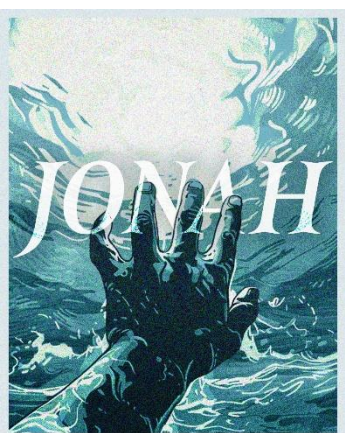


2 Corinthians 8:12 (NIV)



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, **not reluctantly or under compulsion**, for God loves a cheerful giver.



2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NIV)





God doesn't want forced
servitude. He wants your heart.



God cares about people who are lost!

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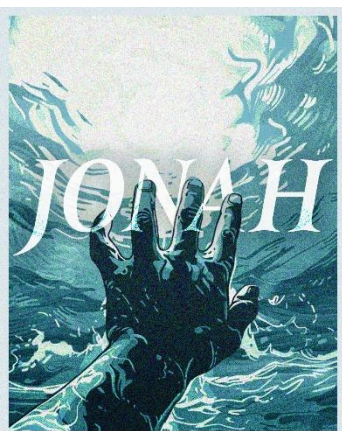
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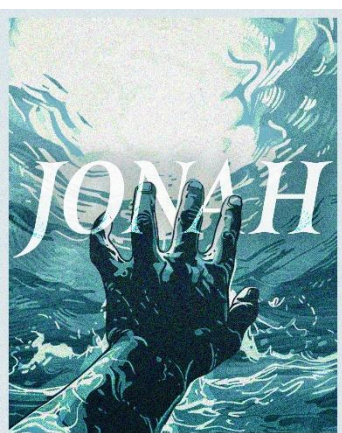
Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.



Jonah 4:5–11 (NIV)



But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

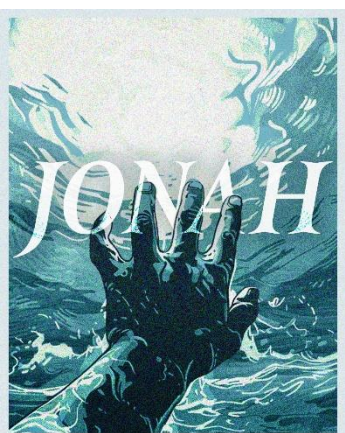


Jonah 4:5–11 (NIV)



But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

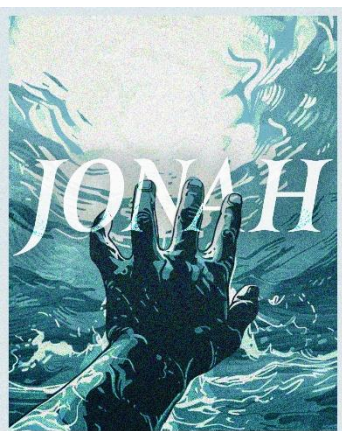
“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.”



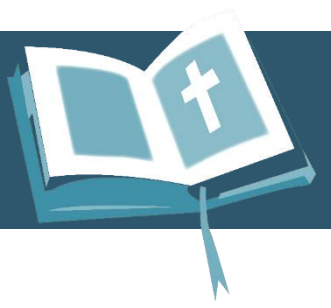
Jonah 4:5–11 (NIV)



And should I not have concern for the great city of **Nineveh**, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”




Jonah 4:5–11 (NIV)





God cares about
the lost.



Do you care
about people
who need
Jesus?



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