

# Jonah: "Can You Hear Me Now?"

## God says "Go to Nineveh"

Jonah 1:1-16

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### A. God says "Go!" vs. 1 & 2

#### 1. Who is Jonah?

- ♦ A **prophet** to Israel

#### 2. Where is God telling him to go?

- ♦ Nineveh, the capital of **Assyria**, a dominant world power, a hated **enemy** of Israel

#### 3. What is God asking him to do?

- ♦ Preach **against** it

#### 4. Why does God want him to go?

- ♦ To offer God's **grace** to a people far from Him.
- ❖ Principle: Sometimes God will call you where you don't **want to go**

### B. Jonah says "No!" vs. 3

#### 1. He **ran away** from God

#### 2. He thought he had **options**

"Ships of **Tarshish**" Isaiah 2:12-16, Ezekiel 27:25

#### 3. He headed the opposite **direction**

- ❖ Principle: Resisting God's call is an act of willful **disobedience**

### C. God says "**Blow!**" vs. 4 & 5

#### 1. God sent a great **wind** that created a great **storm**

#### 2. The great storm created a great **need**

- ♦ Sailors cried out to their **gods**
- ♦ Jonah **slept**
- ❖ Principle: Sometimes God creates storms to engage us with **His agenda**

### D. The captain says "**Bro!**" vs. 6-10

#### 1. A comical **reversal**

- ♦ A pagan calling a man of God to **pray**
- ♦ A prophet sleeping when it's **prayer time**

#### 2. A nervous **investigation** results in a confession of faith

- ❖ Principle: God can use our greatest failure for His **greatest good**

### E. Jonah says "**Throw!**" vs. 11-13

#### 1. An admission of **responsibility** and a time to face reality

#### 2. An act of **compassion**

- ❖ Principle: It's never too late to stop **running** from God

### F. The sailors say "**Whoa!**" vs. 14-16

#### 1. They greatly feared the **LORD**

#### 2. They offered up **worship**

#### 3. They made **commitments**

- ❖ Principle: God is at work in ways we can not **imagine**