



ARISE

Lessons from the Life of Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2

Exodus 4:10 NKJV

Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Jeremiah 1:6 NKJV

Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."



Jonah 1:2-3 NKJV

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Jonah 1:2-3 NKJV

...from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Don't Be Like Jonah?



ARE WE REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKES THAT JONAH HAD?



HAVE WE BEEN RUNNING FROM OUR COMMAND OF GOD?



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Timothy Keller, Rediscovering Jonah

It was shocking first because it was a call for a Hebrew prophet to leave Israel and go out to a Gentile city. Up until then prophets had been sent only to God's people.

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While Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Amos all pronounced a few prophetic oracles addressed to pagan countries, they are brief, and none of those other...

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...men was actually sent out to the nations in order to preach. Jonah's mission was unprecedented.



NON-SENSE



SEE THEN BELIEVE

BELIEVE THEN SEE



Job 1:21 NKJV

And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 13:15 NKJV

Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.



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A Call to Obedience

Ellen White, Prophets and Kings

From a human viewpoint it seemed as if nothing could be gained by proclaiming such a message in that proud city.



Jonah 1:2 NKJV

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."







HORIZONTAL



HORIZONTAL VERTICAL

Jonah 1:3,5,12,17



The Down Trajectory of Jonah

- 1. Down to Joppa
- 2. Down to the Ship
- 3. Down to the Lowest Part of the Ship
- 4. Laid Down
- 5. Down into the Sea
- 6. Down into the belly of the fish



HORIZONTAL VERTICAL

Jonah 1:5-6



Mariners vs Jonah

Mariners	Jonah	
Afraid	Asleep	
Praying	Fleeing	
Laboring	Inactive	
Lightening the Load	Weighing the Ship Down	
Urging to Call on God	Fleeing from God	
Want to Live	Content to Perish	
Worship False God	Prophet of God	
Try to Save Jonah	Indifferent from the Perils of the Mariners	
Call on God	Does not Call upon God	

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It is only when you reach the very bottom, when everything falls apart, when all your schemes and resources are broken and exhausted, that you are finally open to learning how to completely depend on God.

YOU NEVER REALIZE THAT JESUS IS ALL YOU NEED UNTIL JESUS IS ALL YOU HAVE



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The way up [is]... down. The usual place to learn the greatest secrets of God's grace is at the bottom.

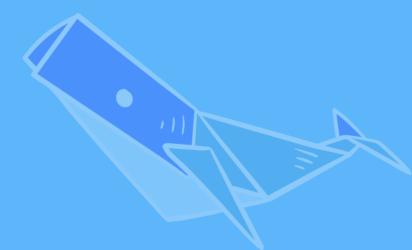


ARISE A Call to Humility

Jonah 1:6 NKJV

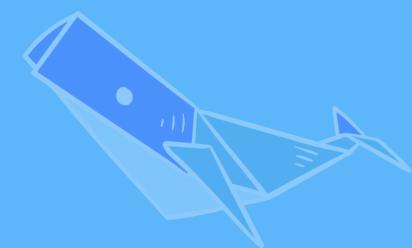
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THOSE WORDS SEEM... FAMILIAR



WHILE THE PAGANS WERE PERISHING THE PROPHET WAS FAST ASLEEP

IS THE CHURCH FAST ASLEEP?



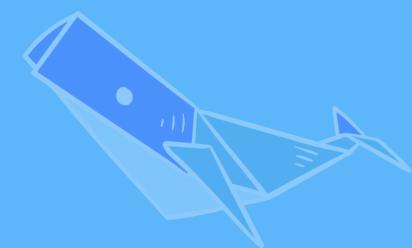








IS THE CHURCH FAST ASLEEP?



SHOULD WE WAIT BEFORE THE WORLD SHOUTS AT US?



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Jonah is not bringing the resources of his faith to bear on the suffering of his fellow citizens. He is not telling them how to get a relationship with the God of the universe... <u>His private faith is of no public good</u>.



ARISE A Call to Show Up

Jonah 1:6 NKJV

So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish."

Jonah 1:6 CSB

The captain approached him and said, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up! Call to your god. Maybe this god will consider us, and we won't perish."

THE WORLD IS OBSERVING US



THE WORLD HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK



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A Call to Stand Apart

Timothy Keller, Rediscovering Jonah

What is this? God sent his prophet to point the pagans toward himself. Yet now it is the pagans pointing the prophet toward God.





Amanda Gorman, The Hill We Climb

When day comes we step out of the shade,

aflame and unafraid,

the new dawn blooms as we free it.



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For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

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Obedience. Humility. Show Up. Set Apart.