

# JONAH





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And the LORD commanded the fish, and it **vomited** Jonah  
onto dry land.



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### **Jonah 1:1-2 NIV**

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## JONAH'S INSTRUCTIONS

- "Arise, go to Nineveh..." *1:2 ESV*
- "Arise, Call out to your god!" *1:6 ESV*
- Arise, go to Nineveh..." *3:2 ESV*

## JONAH'S RESPONSE

- "He went down to Joppa..." *1:3 ESV*
- "Jonah had gone down to the inner part of the ship..." *1:5 ESV*
- So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh..." *3:3 ESV*



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### **Jonah 3:5-6 NIV**

The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.



### **Jonah 3:7-8 NIV**

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“Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”



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



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Reluctant obedience is a dangerous response.  
Spiritually going through the motions is risky business.  
It's potentially risky to the recipient(s) of the insincere  
actions, but especially it is risky to the heart of the one  
who stands in that compromised state.

- Dr. Mark Yarbrough, *Jonah: Beyond the Tale of a Whale*



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Is there anything in my life which I need to confess and repent?

Is there any area in my life where I am resisting Your leading?

Is there something (*an idol*) taking the place of You (*God*) in my life?



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### **James 4:6b**

...That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”



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**True repentance requires humility.**



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