

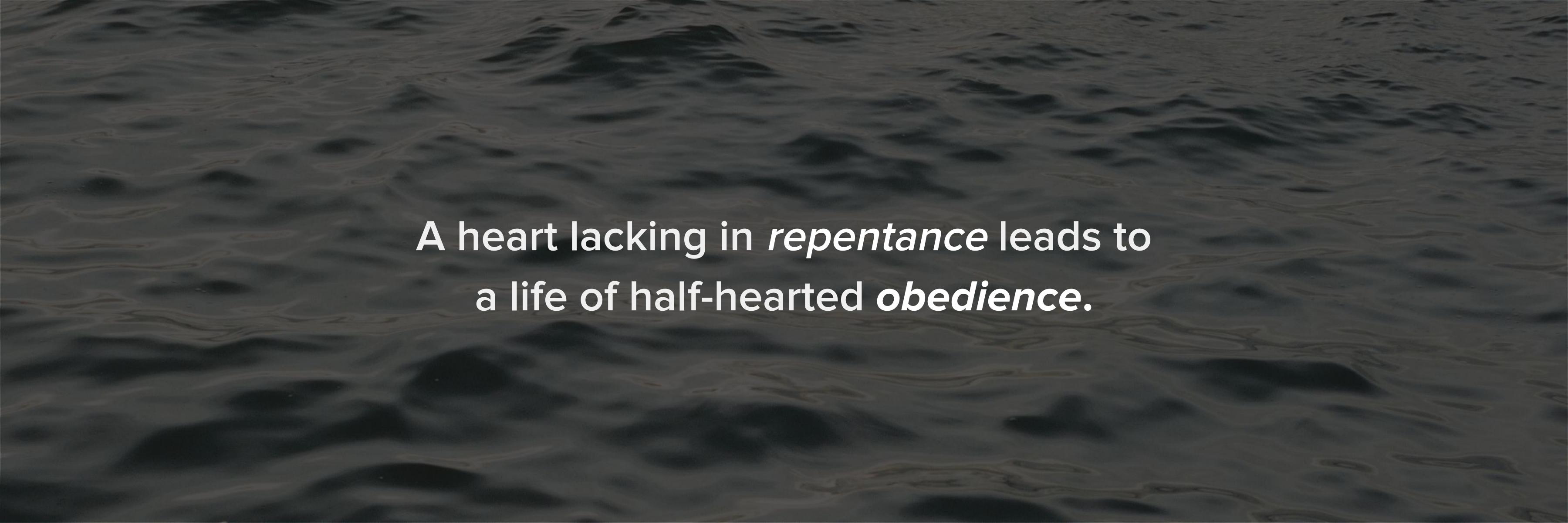
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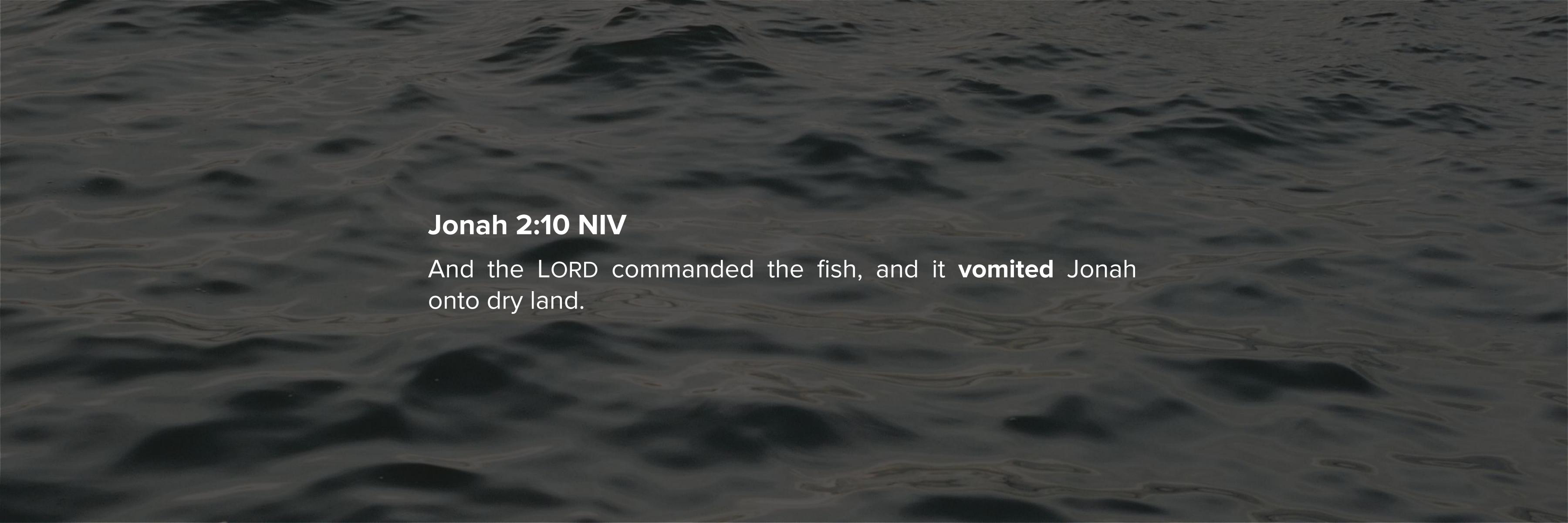
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#### Jonah's Mission to Nineveh

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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.

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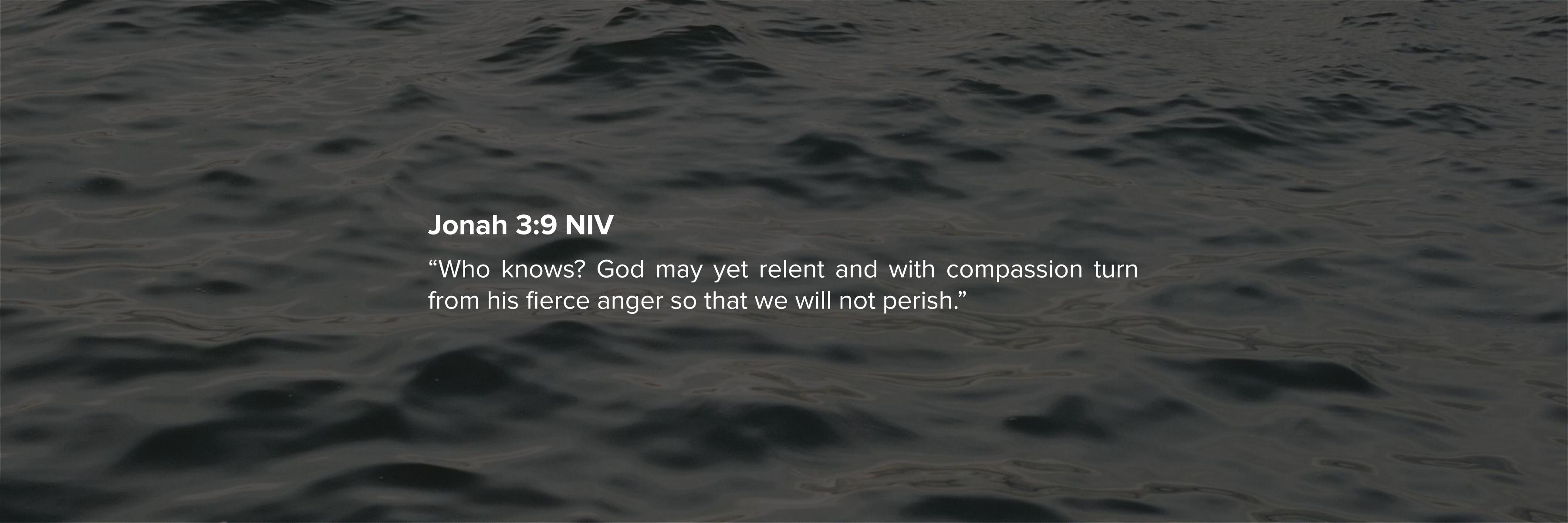
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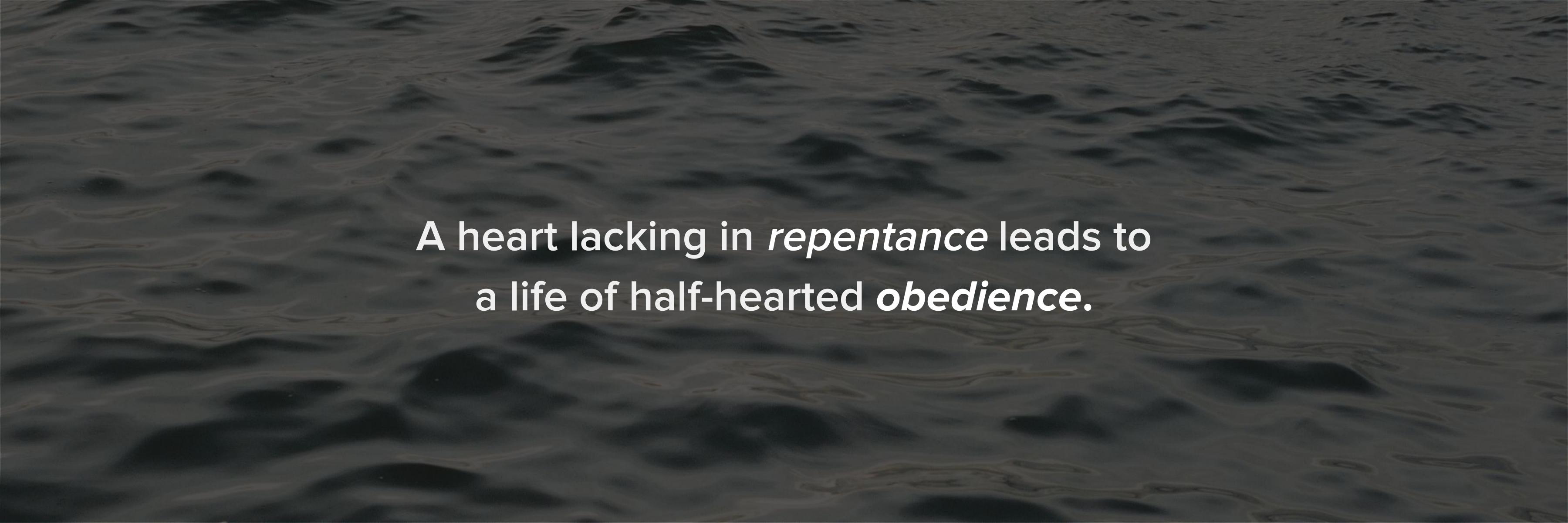
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#### Jonah 4:1 NIV

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



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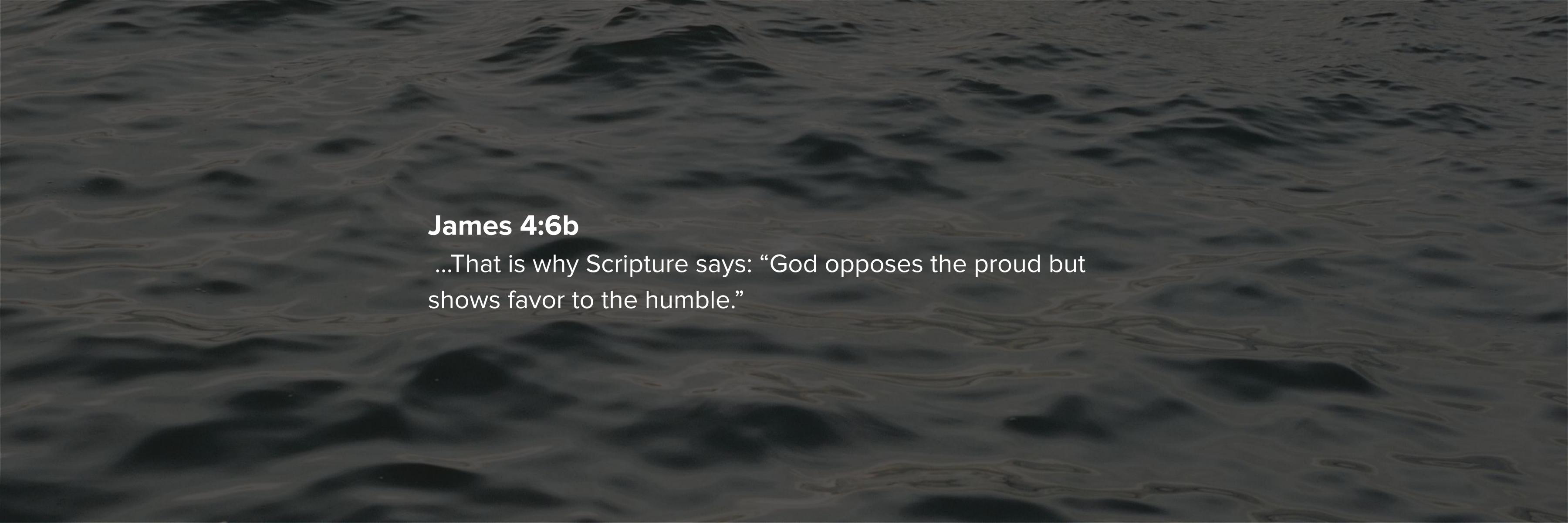
Reluctant obedience is a dangerous response.

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

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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