

THRIVE | The Tragic Tale of a Withered Wanderer

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THE BOOK OF JONAH

Timeless Truth: Spiritual thriving is possible only when our attitudes and actions reflect the heart of the LORD.

WHAT JONAH TEACHES US ABOUT THRIVING

1. A thriving follower obeys the direction of the LORD (Jonah 1-2)

The Fallacy of Fleeing (Psalm 139:7-12)

The Ramifications of Running:

Rock Bottom Recognition (Jonah 2)

Consider: Are there any instructions from the LORD that you are running from currently?

2. A thriving follower delivers what the LORD declares (Jonah 3)

Deja vu

Wrestling with the spirit of Nineveh

God's Condition: if you repent, then I will relent

Consider: How do you view the wicked and unrighteous around you and in the world?

3. A thriving follower surrenders fully to the desires of the LORD (Jonah 4)

Jonah vs. God (James 1:19-20)

A Lesson of Absurdity:

Aligning Motive with the Message

Consider: Are your motives and attitude in line with the heart of God?