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**Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV** ... Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Romans 7:19-25 NKJV** ... For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

**Matthew 12:40 NKJV** ... For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Looking To Jesus Through Jonah**

 **1. Jonah helps us to see Jesus’ Sacrifice.**


- **Jonah 1:12 NKJV** ... And he said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you.
- **Jonah 1:15 NKJV** ... So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.
- **Hebrews 2:17 NKJV** ... Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- **Matthew 12:41 NKJV** ... The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.
- **John 3:16** ... For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...
- **Isaiah 53:11 KJV** ... He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:
- **John 3:16 NKJV** ... For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- **Matthew 27:46,50 NKJV** ... And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”...50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

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 **2. Jonah helps us to see Jesus' Grace.**

- **Jonah 1:17** NIV ... Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
- **Jonah 2:3-4** NKJV ... You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight...
- **Jonah 2:6** NKJV ... To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.
- **Jonah 2:7** NKJV ... "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.
- **Hebrews 9:12** NKJV ... Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
- **Romans 6:1-2** KJV ... What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
- **Jonah 2:9-10** NKJV ... Salvation is of the LORD."10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

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 **3. Jonah helps us to see Jesus' Mercy.**

- **Jonah 4:1-11** NKJV ... But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" 4 Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry.
- **Isaiah 64:6** NKJV ... But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.
- **Isaiah 6:1-6** NKJV ... In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."
- **Romans 5:10** NKJV ... For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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 **4. Jonah helps us to see Jesus' Cross.**

- **Jonah 4:4-11** NKJV ... Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the LORD God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!" 10 But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"
- **Romans 3:25-26** NKJV ... whom God set forth as a [a]propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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 **5. Jonah helps us to see Jesus' Invitation.**

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