

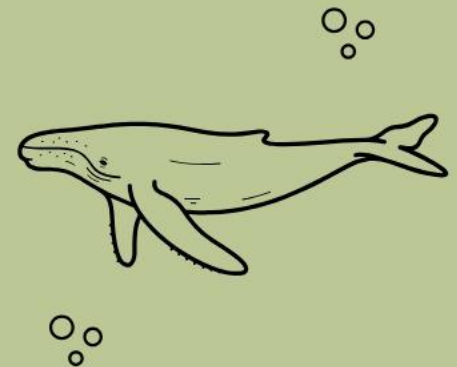
Jonah

1:4-16

The Storm That Draws Us Close

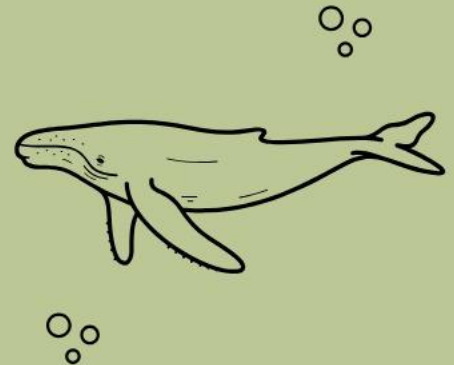


What do you fear?

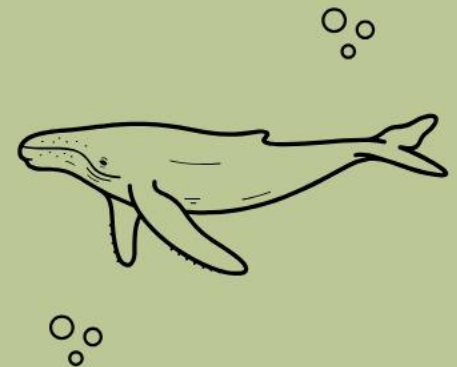


Unhealthy fear:

- Cowering Fear
- Callous Fear

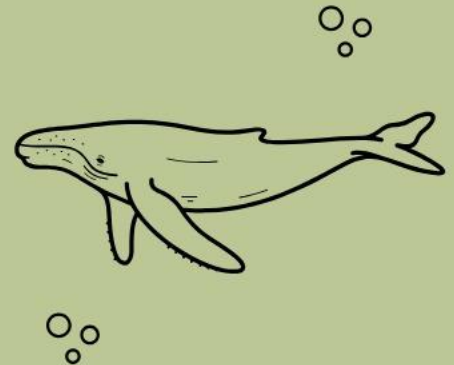


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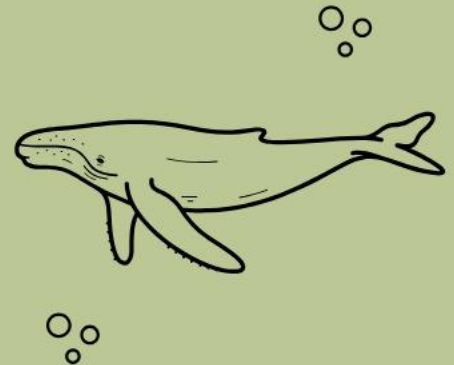
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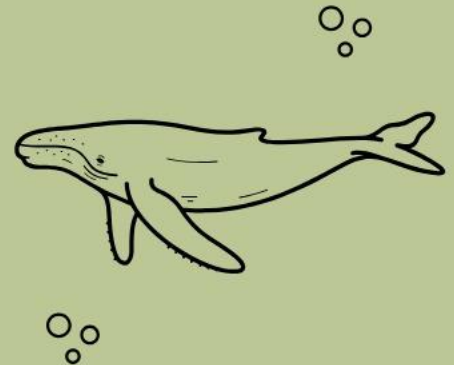
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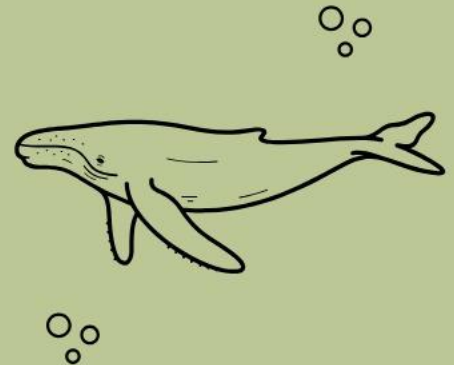
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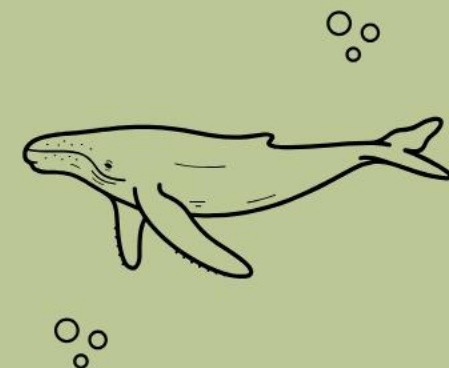


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How might God be pursuing you with a storm
this morning?

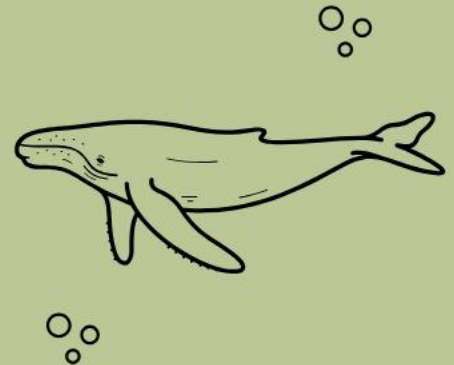


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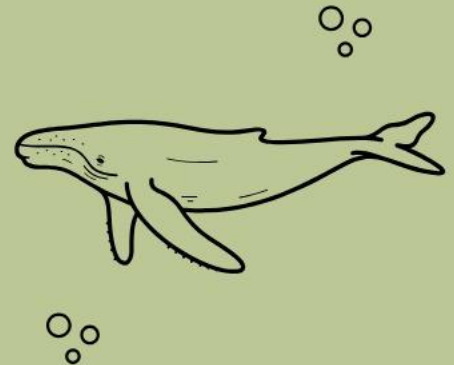
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On the surface, Jonah's declaration in verse 9 seems faithful but it's dripping with pathetic irony.



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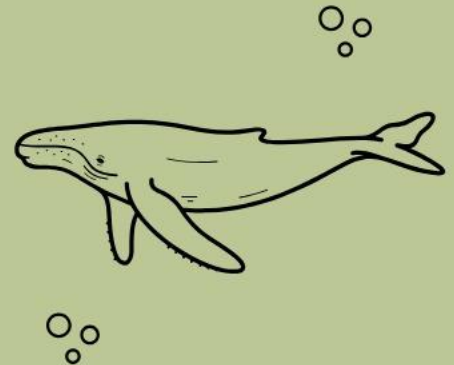
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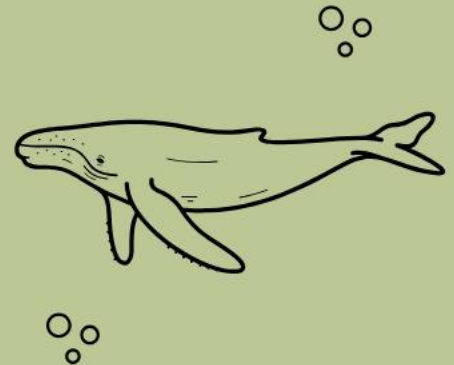


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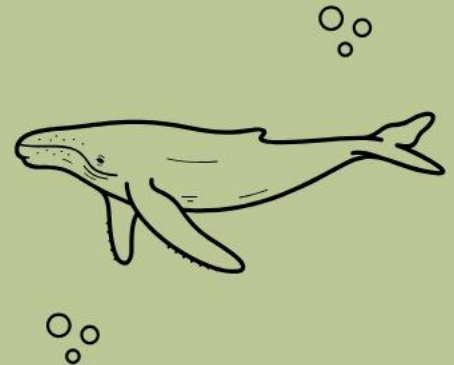
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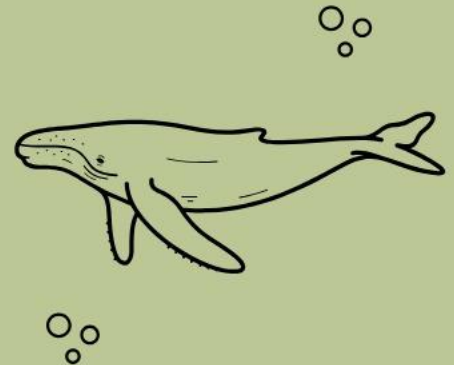
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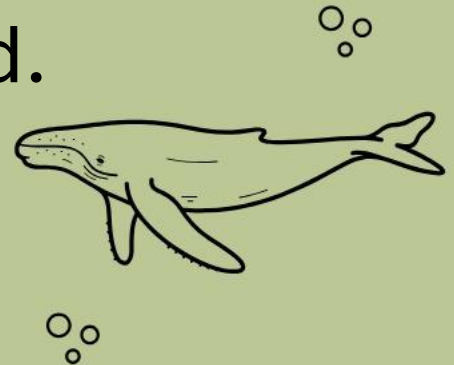
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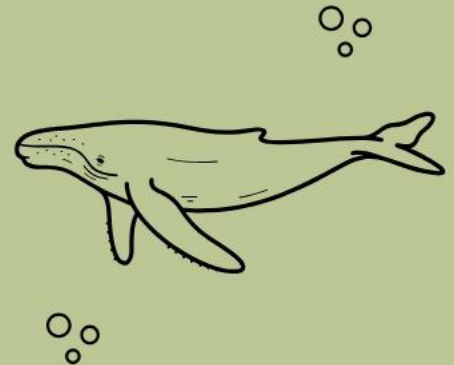
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➤ But his running reveals his small view of God.



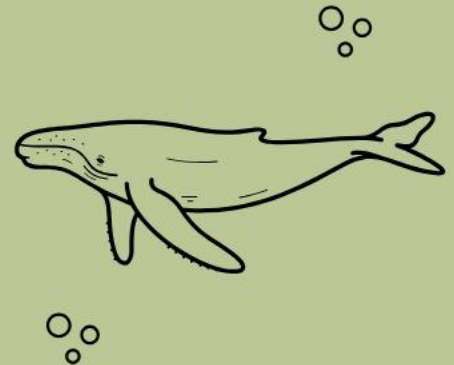
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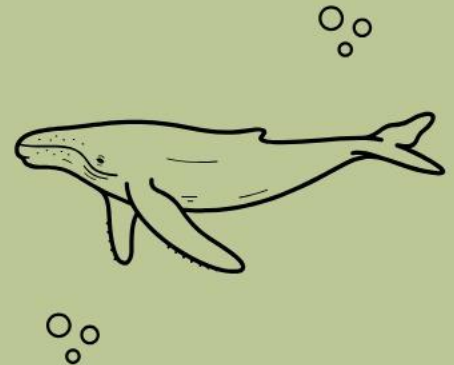
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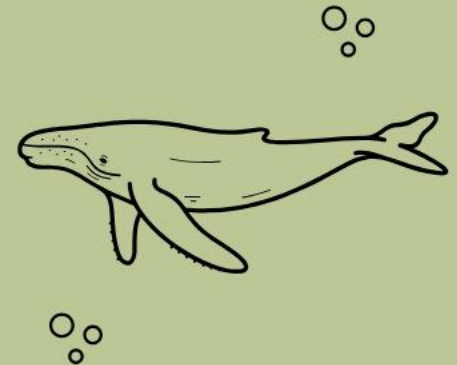
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How might that reveal a hollow fear of the Lord?

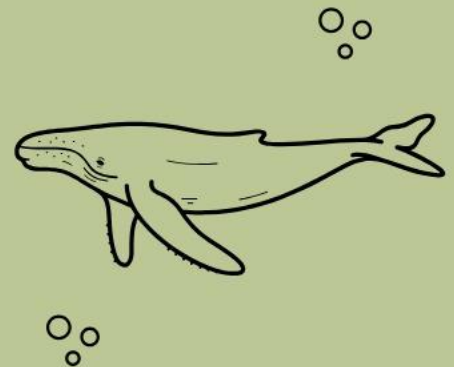


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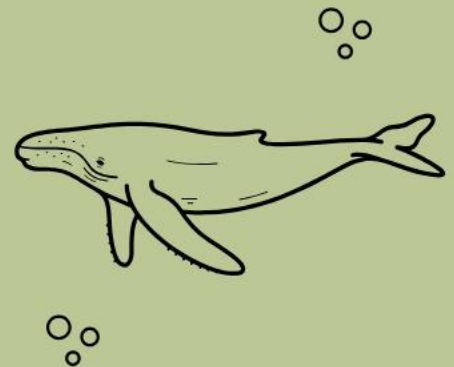
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Though far from God, the pagan sailors are drawn close through the fear of the Lord.



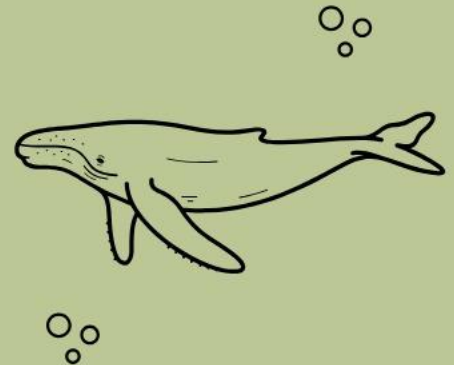
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Through the work of a prophet better than Jonah, those far from God can be turned into humble worshippers.



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What obstacles keep you from fearfully committing yourself more fully to God?

