

God told Jonah to "Go to the great city of Ninevah and announce my judgement against it because I have seen their evil."

But Jonah hated the Ninevites and didn't want them to be given a second chance, so he bought passage on a ship going the opposite direction.

Then God sent a terrible storm with towering waves to meet Jonah in the sea.

Terrified, the captain said to Jonah "Pray to your god. Maybe he will see we're in trouble and rescue us."



The grace of God is for everyone.

When Jonah flees, God Goes to him through the storm and uses the results of his bad decision to put him back on the right course.

In the middle of Jonah's selfish hatred for the Ninevites, God Reaches down into the abyss to save him through a big fish.

Jonah knows that God Accepts the broken right where they are and loves them anyway - even Ninevah.

When the Ninevites turned from their evil and asked God for forgiveness, He changed His mind & had Compassion on them.

God's act of forgiveness greatly displeases Jonah and fully Exposes his selfishness.

In anger, Jonah yelled at God "I knew you would forgive them. You're too kindhearted!"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down to mope. God made a tree spring up to give him shade, but then sent a worm to kill the tree. This made Jonah angry enough to want to die.

Then God said to him

"You care more about your own comfort than you do the 120,000 people of this city who do not yet know right from wrong."

The God of second chances will restore you no matter what you've done or how broken you are.