

# Heroes of Faith 6: Jonah

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## I. The Jonah Sign

**Matthew 12:38–41** (NIV) **38** Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

**39** He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah**. **40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**41** The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for **they repented at the preaching of Jonah**, and now **something greater than Jonah is here**. (Ref Matt 16:4; Luke 11:29-31)


 The goal of Jonah and Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

 A desire for a sign is \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Jonah's Prophetic Call

**Jonah 1:1–3** (NIV) **1** The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:

**2** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” **3** But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.


 Running from God's call is \_\_\_\_\_

### A) Never forget who you are...

**Jonah 1:9** (NIV) **9** He [Jonah] answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”


### B) God is working even in our disobedience...

**Jonah 1:16** (NIV) **16** At this the men [sailors] greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

 Sometimes God reaches people despite \_\_\_\_\_

### C) Repentance is the key to freedom...

**Jonah 2:8–10** (NIV) **8** “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. **9** But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’” **10** And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

 This is the aim of Godly \_\_\_\_\_ : Freedom

## III. Transformation is the Outcome

**Jonah 3:3–5** (NIV) **3** Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. **4** Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” **5** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

 True \_\_\_\_\_ changes us and \_\_\_\_\_ judgement

**Jonah 3:10** (NIV) **10** When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

## IV. Jonah, an Unhappy Prophet

**Jonah 4:1–2** (NIV) **1** But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the Lord, “Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? ...”

 God cares about \_\_\_\_\_ even when we don't

## V. The Church Next Door Invitation with C.H.I.P.S.

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— St. Francis of Assisi

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Wed Isa 5-6  Thur Isa 7-12  Fri Isa 13-23  Sat Rest

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