

# God in the Ruins

## The Message of the Minor Prophets

### JONAH

Jonah 1-4

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### SIN AND SELF

- You can only find out your true identity, in relationship to God, *through* the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Sin is more than just breaking the \_\_\_\_\_. It's building an \_\_\_\_\_ apart from God.

### THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

- It's \_\_\_\_\_.
- GRACE is a completely \_\_\_\_\_ gift from a completely \_\_\_\_\_ giver.

### THE NEED FOR CONTINUAL SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGHS

- The tension in Jonah's life is that he \_\_\_\_\_ God but has taken serious action \_\_\_\_\_ God's intention to offer forgiveness to the violent.
- He can continue to \_\_\_\_\_, but he cannot continue to \_\_\_\_\_.

### OVERTHROWN

- The Ninevites could be "turned over", or \_\_\_\_\_...
- Or they could "turn around", and be brought to \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ ALWAYS implies the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_.

### A JONAH-SHAPED MIRROR

Are you okay with the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ loves \_\_\_\_\_ enemy?

### THE SIGN OF JONAH

- The book of Jonah anticipates, even begs for, a \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah.
- In Jesus, the greater Jonah, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God are perfectly joined.

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## Jonah 1

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish...

<sup>7</sup> Then the sailors... asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us?... <sup>9</sup> He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

<sup>10</sup> This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)... <sup>12</sup> "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."...

<sup>17</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me..."

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up \_\_\_\_\_ from the pit.

<sup>7</sup> "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple..."

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

## Jonah 3

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh...

<sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

<sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust...

<sup>8</sup> Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

## Jonah 4

<sup>1</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. ***I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.*** <sup>3</sup> Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup> And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." <sup>10</sup> But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant..."

<sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

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