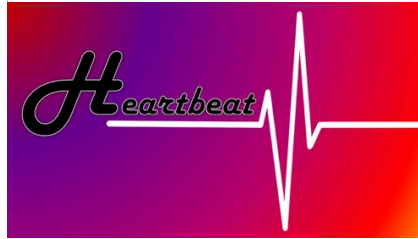


Heartbeat
“The Unlikely Ask”
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I'll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I'll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that's God-willed, not self-willed. I'll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands.
Ezekiel 36:26-27 (MSG)

Jonah's Problem (Really It's Our Problem)

Jonah Refused to obey God.

The **word of the LORD** came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah ran away from the LORD...
Jonah 1:1-3 (NIV)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

God's Pursuit

God Loved Jonah Enough To Pursue Him.

Then the **(1)LORD sent a great wind on the sea**, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and **(2)each cried out to his own god**. And **(3)they threw the cargo into the sea** to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and **fell into a deep sleep**.
Jonah 1:4-5 (NIV)

They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. So they asked him...“What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” ...Then they cried to the LORD, “O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased.”
Jonah 1:7-14 (NIV)

God Loved Nineveh Enough To Pursue Jonah.

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 1:15-17 (NIV)