

JONAH ON HIS KNEES

(or The God of Second Chances)

Central Idea: *God will discipline us when we disobey, but He will not abandon us. His forgiving grace offers us a new beginning.*

🔗 **Review** – A One-Way Trip to Tarshish

- He remembered God's promises

- He committed to do God's will

🔗 **Principles (17)**

🔗 **Jonah on His Knees**

- He prayed for God's help
- He recognized God's hand of discipline

Questions for Personal Reflection of Group Discussion

1. Read the Jonah 2 in a Bible paraphrase like the Living Bible or in a very readable translation like the NLT or NIV. What stands out to you most?
2. Jonah had deliberately run from God. Why didn't God use someone else?
3. What do you notice about Jonah's attitude as he prayed compared to his attitude in chapter 1?
4. Is Jonah's second chance something he earned, or something God graciously gave him?
5. What does it tell us about God that He gives Jonah another opportunity?
6. Why do you think people sometimes have a hard time believing that God will give them another chance? What might keep someone from accepting God's forgiveness after they have failed?
7. How should knowing that God is a God of second chances affect the way we treat people who have failed? Who in your life might need to hear the message: *Your failure isn't the end of your story?*

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *Jonah on His Knees* is the second of four messages in a series on the Old Testament book of Jonah. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org.

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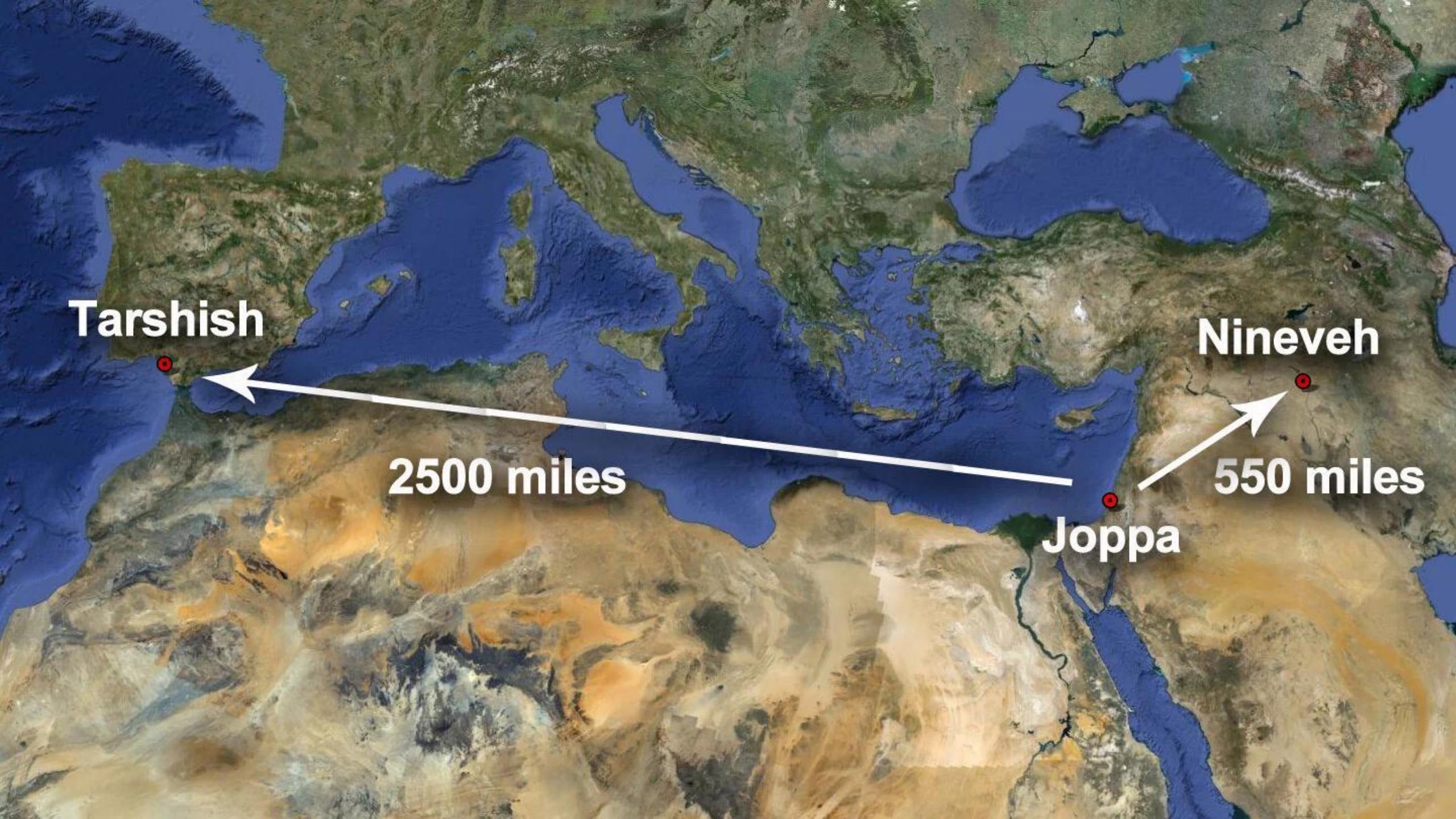




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Jonah 2.1 ...

I called out of my distress to the Lord, and He answered me.

Ps 120.1 ...

In my trouble I cried to the Lord and He answered me.

Jonah 2.3 ...

For you had cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas and the current engulfed me. All your breakers and billows passed over me.

Ps 42.7 ...

Deep calls to deep at the sound of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have rolled over me.

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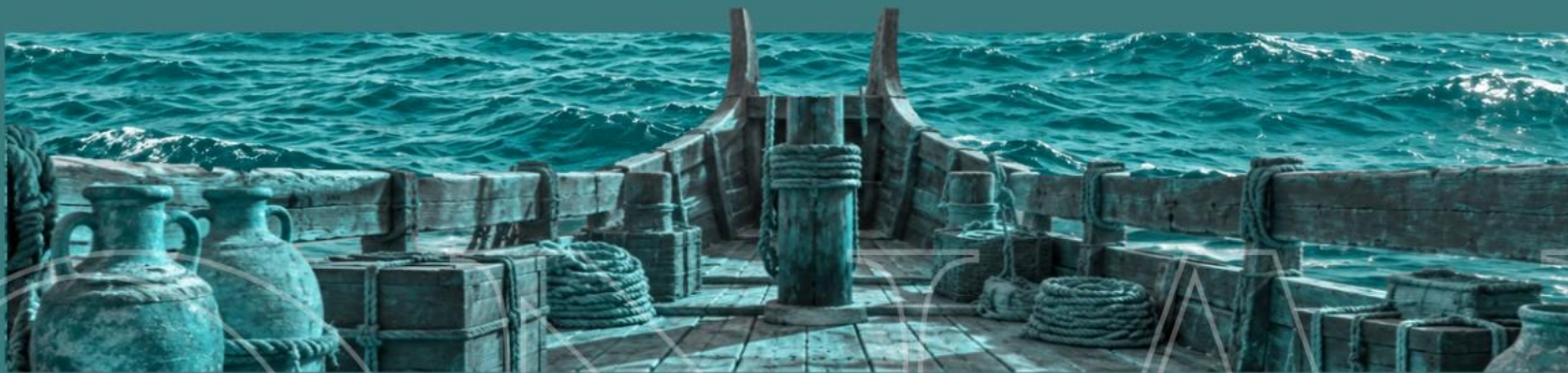


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1 John 1.9 ...

If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and righteous to forgive us
our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.



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Our God is a God of second chances.

Don't use God's grace as an excuse for
disobedience.

