

# JONAH

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## I. 3 TYPES OF CHRISTIANS THE WORLD NEEDS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE

### 1. *Those who are Asleep*

#### A. Wake up & Take your Place!

**Jonah 1:2** “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

Your sleepwalking is causing destruction to yourself and the people around you.

#### B. How to Wake Up From a Sleepy Life

- 1) Open Your Eyes
- 2) Listen to the Need
- 3) Take the First Step

#### C. Hear God’s voice and wake up from your sleepwalking apathy.

##### **Sea of Apathy** (by Caleb Correia)

*Stuck in a default setting, lost in a trackless sea of apathy,  
I can barely breathe, as I’m surrounded by depravity*

*living from distraction to distraction,  
losing traction in the very faith to which I claim to cling,  
longing for a fulfillment that nothing seems to bring*

*Feeling the lack of something along my path,  
something essential leaving me off track*

*There seems no hope around me,  
surrounded by faces but lonely with no connection  
living a lie of deception*

*The feeling that true happiness is just a myth and  
that I can do nothing but mindlessly drift*

*There should be more than what's on this dreary horizon,  
my heart beseeches me to discover more than the shallow speech set before me,  
presented in a pretty package of popularity that advertises solidarity,  
although I find it to be meaningless,  
without depth and gravity, leaving me with a sense of tragedy*

*There's something more to be had than this shell of a life,  
in this disengaged state without the intentionality of Christ,  
I know there is more but I'm trapped feeling poor  
when I know I should soar in Him*

*It's time to break the default setting  
Because I've been living on empty for too long  
Searching for something  
I don't feel like I belong*

*I refuse to sing the song of my culture that celebrates scrolling,  
using many words to say nothing at all,  
conveying no meaning but demeaning others who should be our brothers*

*It's time for the renewal of the mind  
A reallocation of the minutes, hours, and days  
No longer Wandering in a haze but instead time to be set ablaze  
Ablaze with the consciousness to catch the countless opportunities in all my days  
But not lost in a daze or stuck in a maze  
Or walking through the same familiar place arriving from the same ways  
No, ways to change, an astounding embrace of grace enlightens my face  
as I realize the futility of the old rat race*

*It's time to be intentional  
To break the pre-established convention, Unconventional  
To live a life that dares to be bold;  
Sold on the belief that being present is key and  
ultimately it's His presence that fills me, Be in the moment that He has placed me;  
See the abundance around me,  
Agree to rebel against the modernity which has dirtied the purity of our spiritual  
maturity, hiding in obscurity our security in the King of all Kings who brings  
together all things*

*It's finally time to make the most of my blessings  
Time to stop wasting chances to learn my lessons  
Time to aspire to more than the approval of man  
Time to make Jesus Lord and take a stand  
I step out of the sea of apathy with intentionality*

## ***2. Those Who Are Running***

### **A. Stop and Remember the Lord**

**B. Your response to the rock bottom, belly of the fish, moments will define your life.**

### **C. 3 Steps to take when your life hits rock bottom**

1. Remember the Lord in your Suffering
2. Repent of your Running
3. Trust God to Make a Way

**Jonah 3:3** This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all.

## ***3. Those who Have Grown Frustrated***

**Jonah 4:1** This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry.

- **People's Lives will be changed as a result of you taking your place.**