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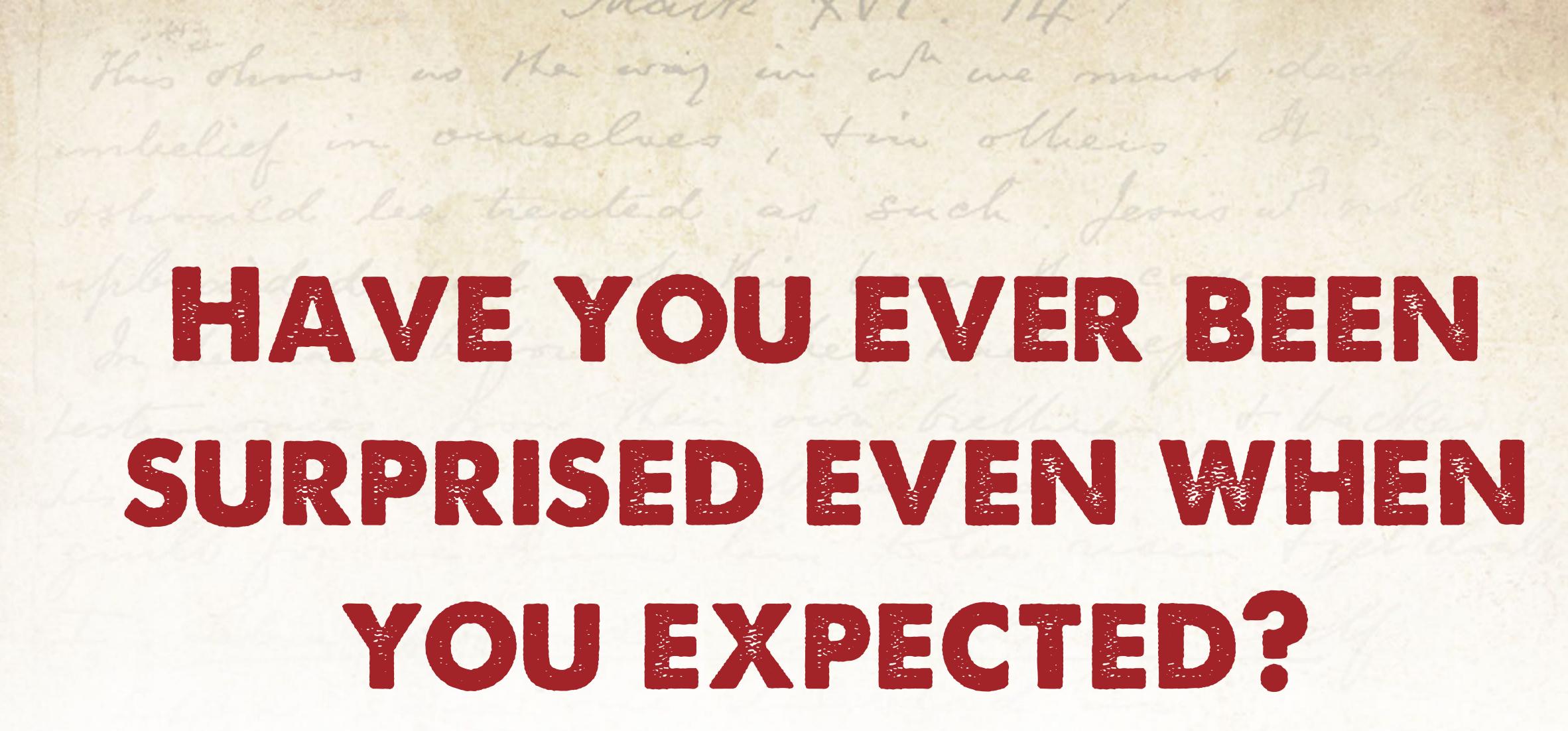
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### **GOD CALLS - PROPHET FLEES**

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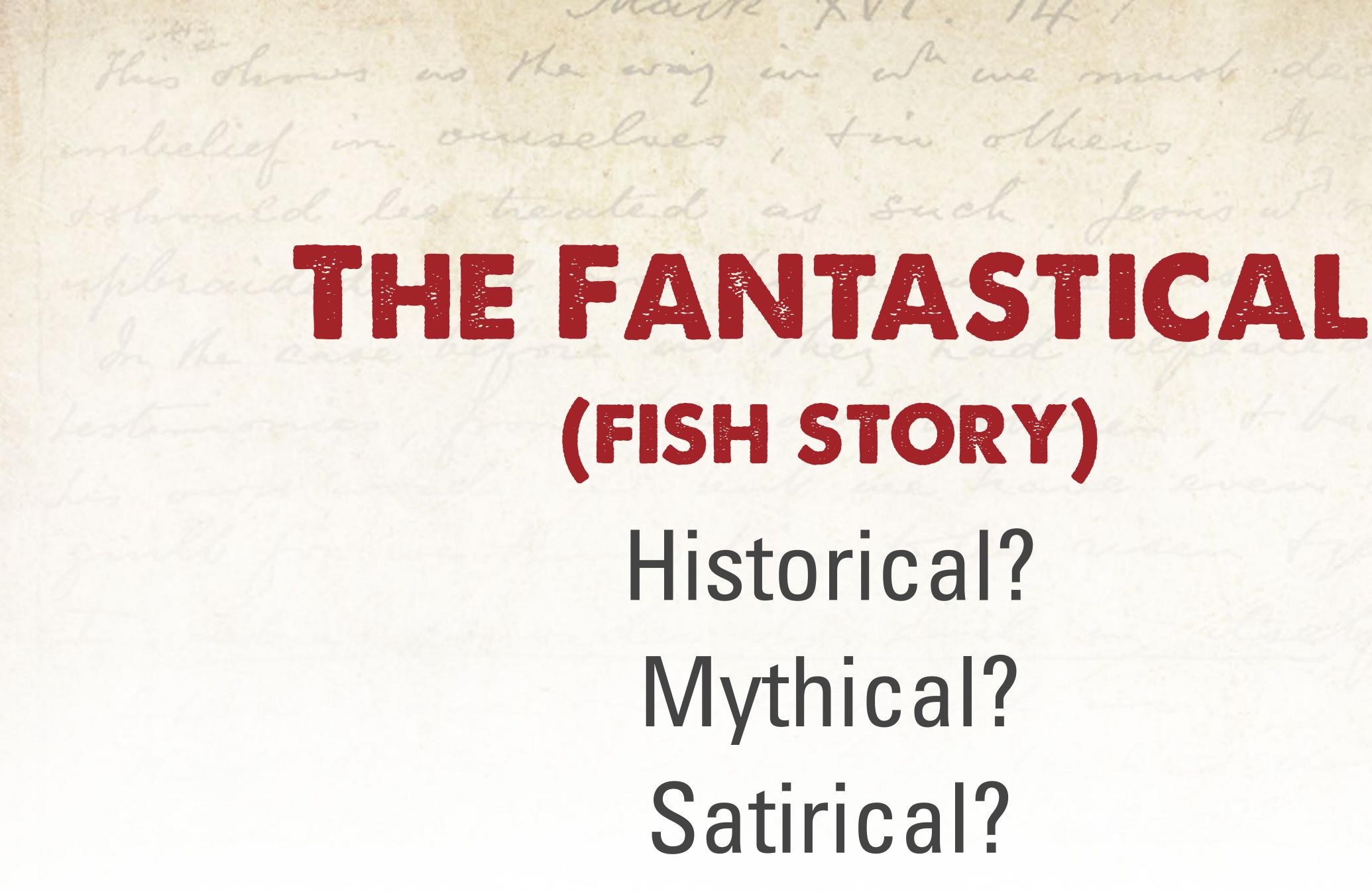
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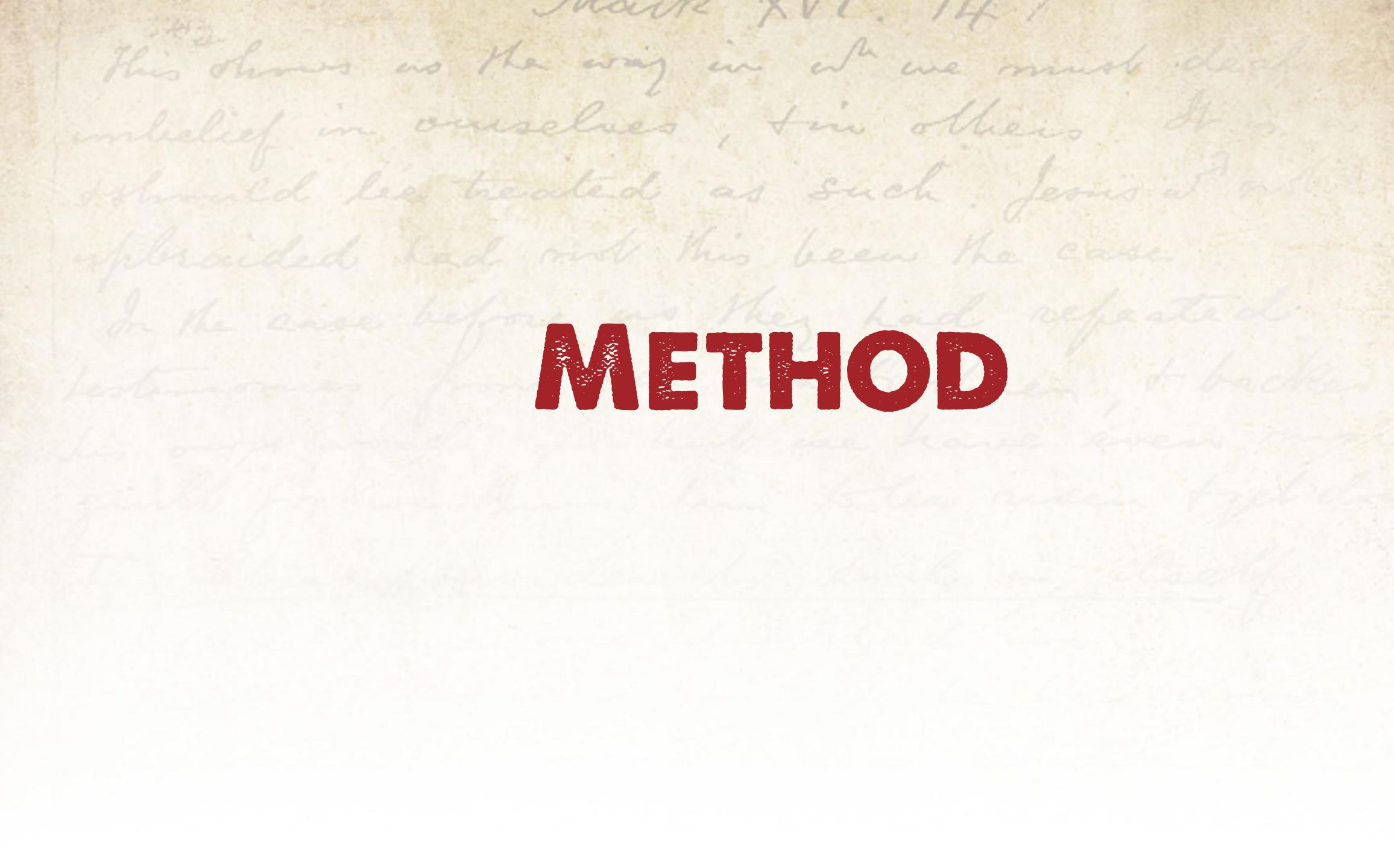
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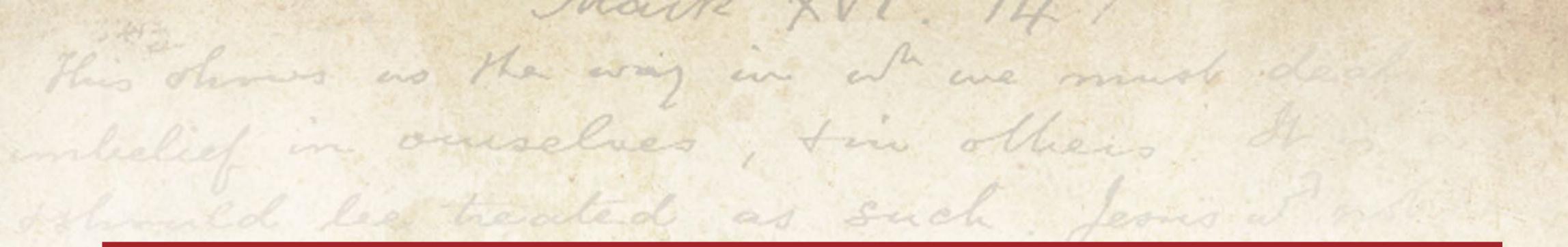
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# Interpretation

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A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

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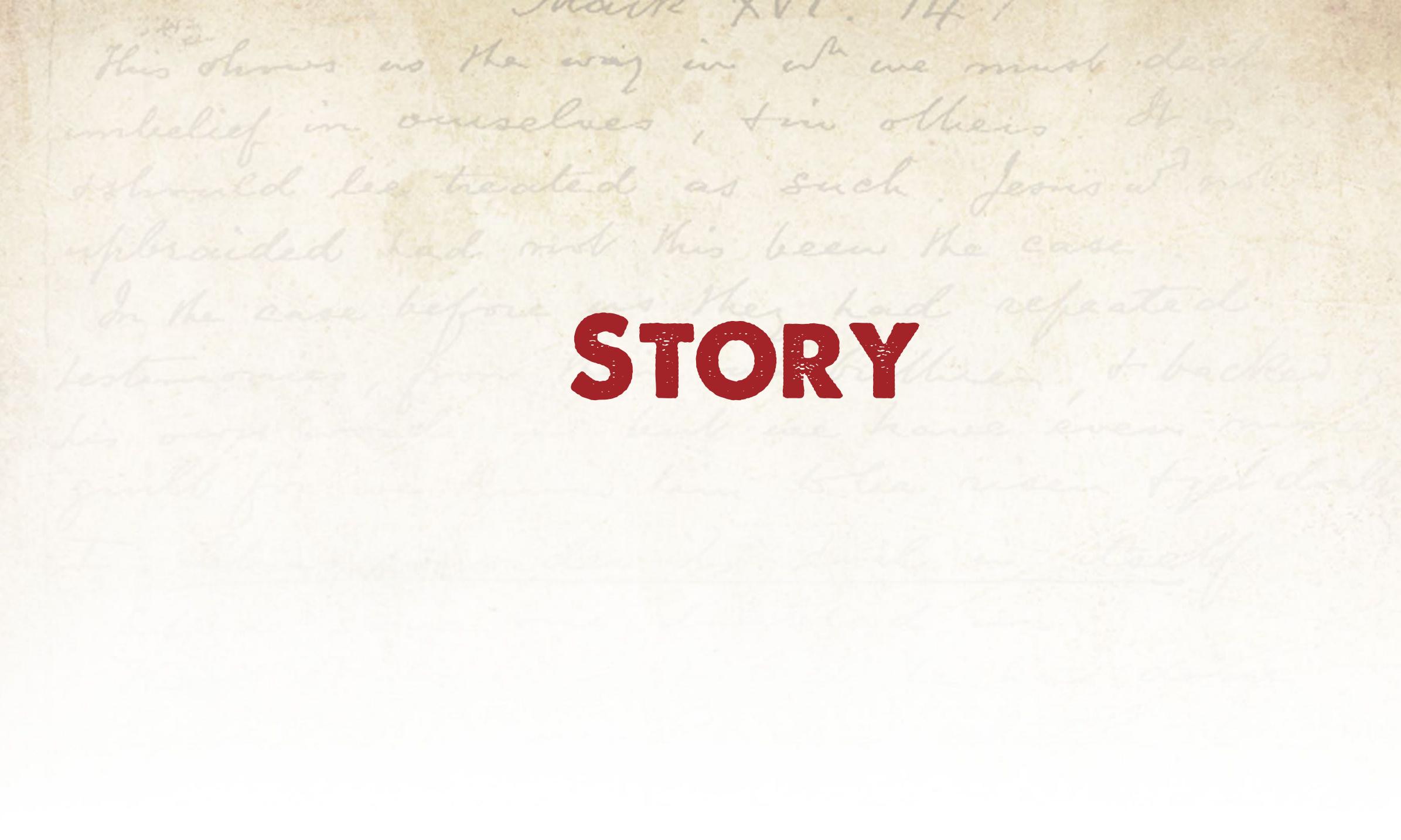


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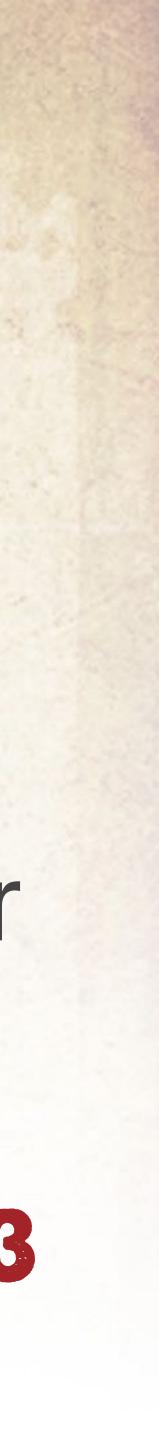
Jonah - to the Ninevites Jesus - to his generation



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 and headed for Tarshish.

### JONAH 1:1-3







Then the 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 each cried out to his own god.

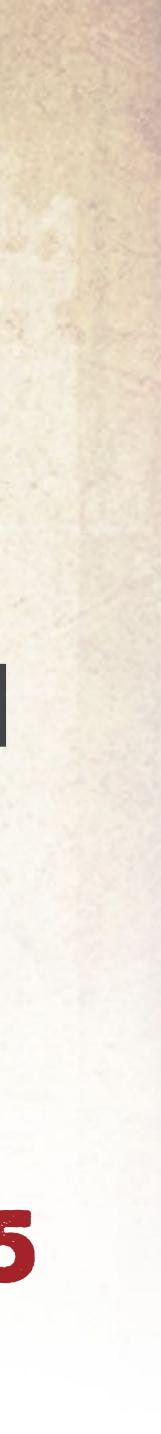
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### JONAH 1:4-5









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He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.

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So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

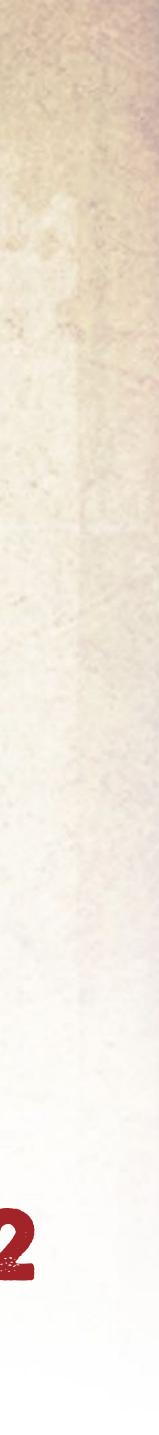
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"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm.

### JONAH 1:11-12



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.

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### JONAH 1:15-16



Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

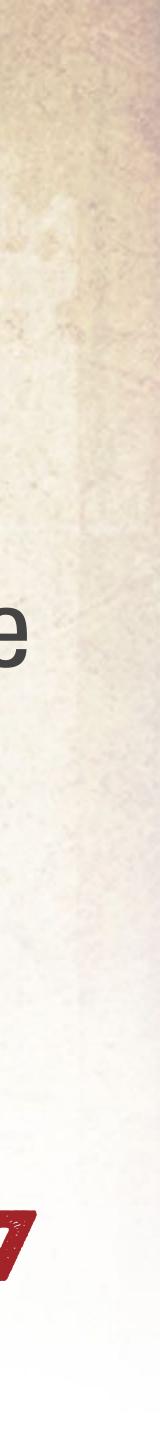
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Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

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

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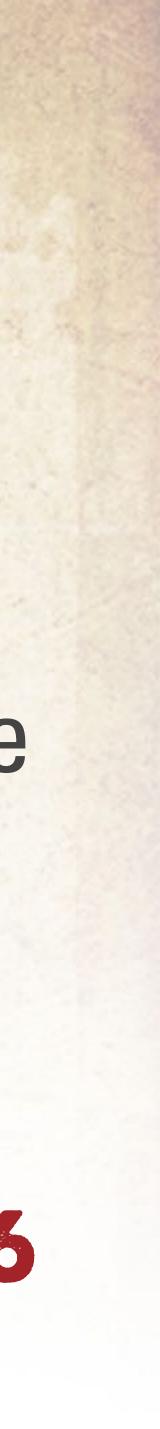


The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

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.

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### JONAH 3:5-6



### But the Lord replied,

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## "Is it right for you to be angry?"







# But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

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### "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

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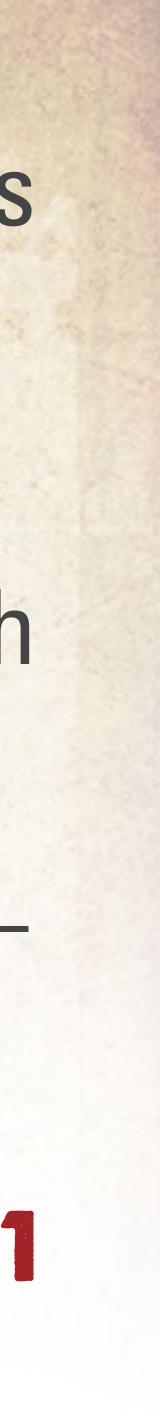
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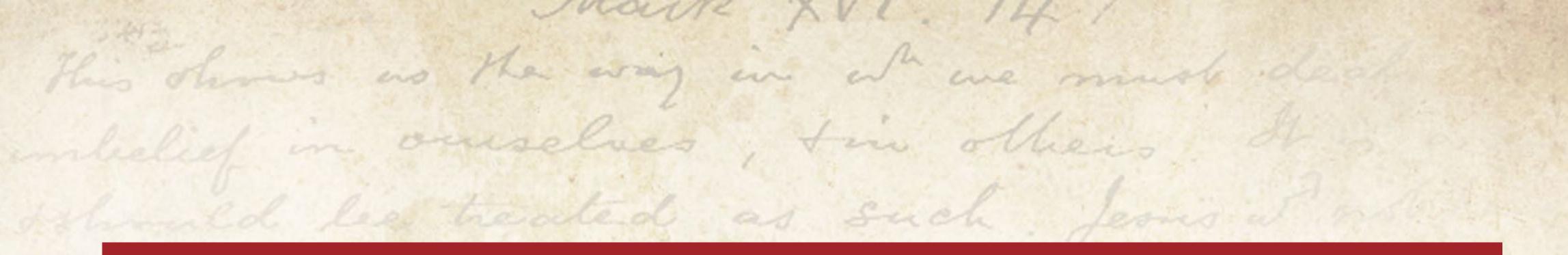
is the way in when much But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

### JONAH 4:10-11





# By hook or by crook, God's will be done.





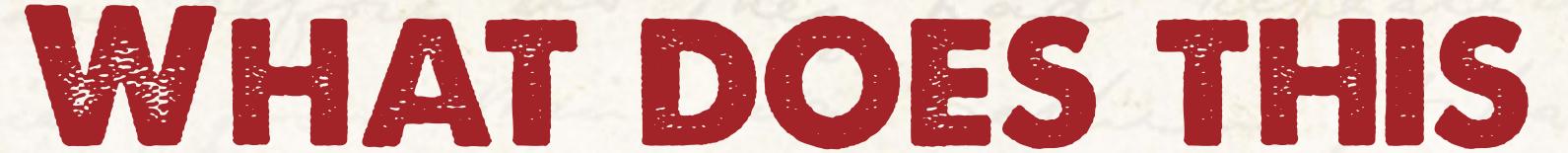
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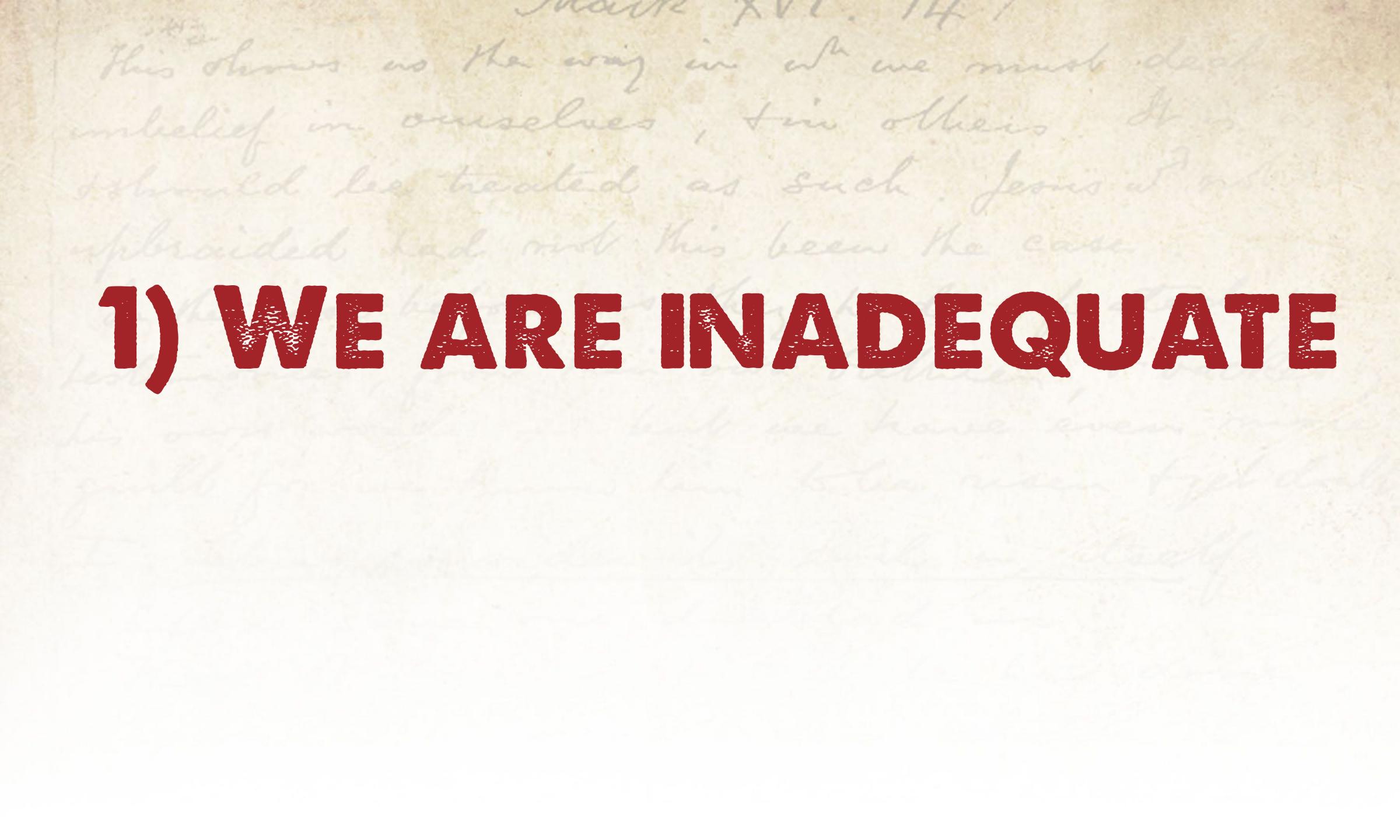
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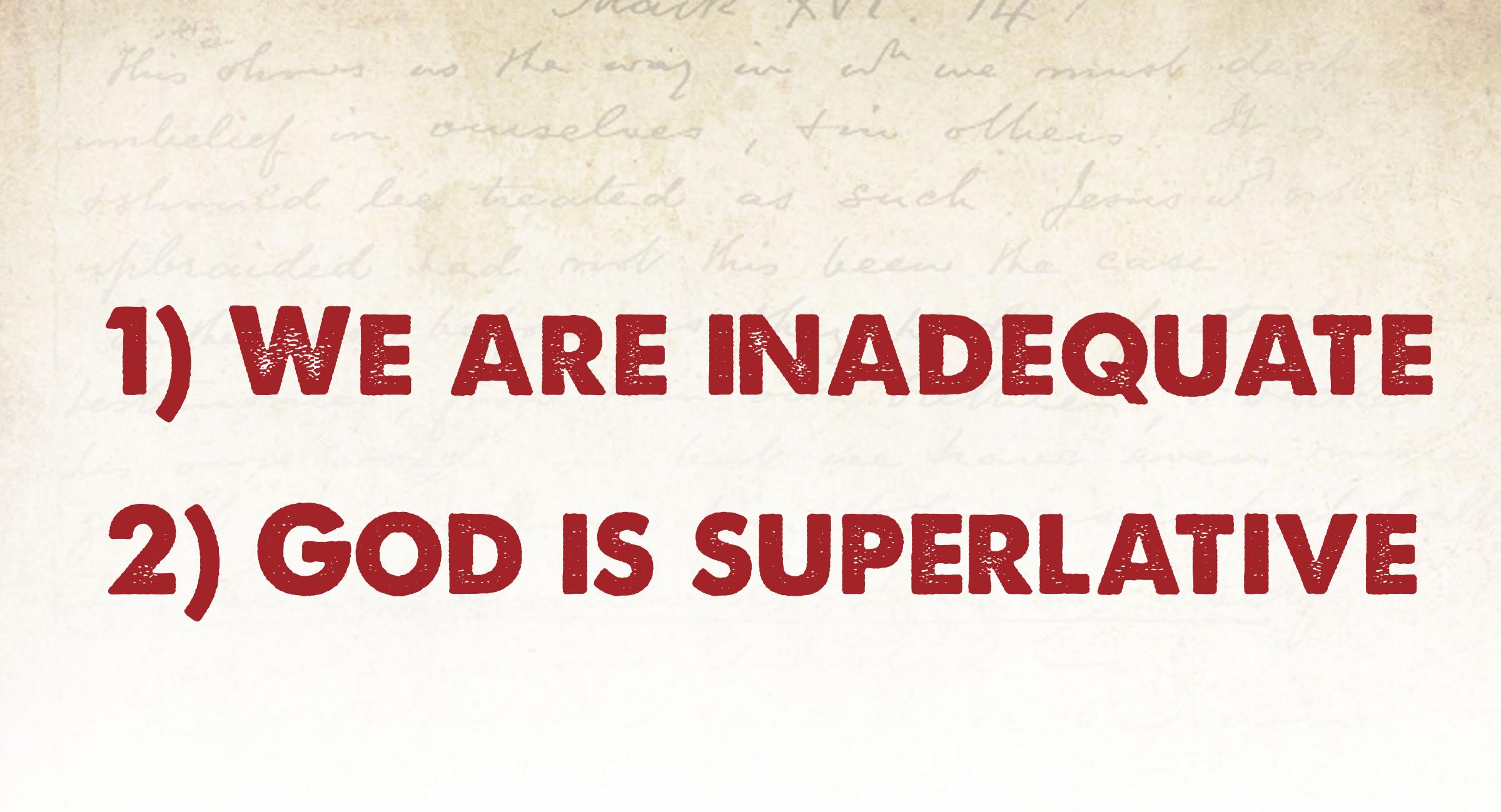














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