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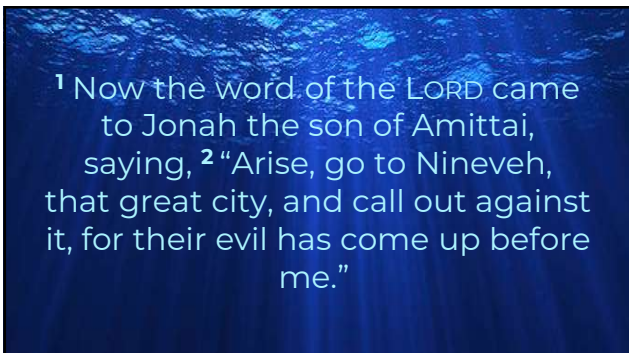
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<sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

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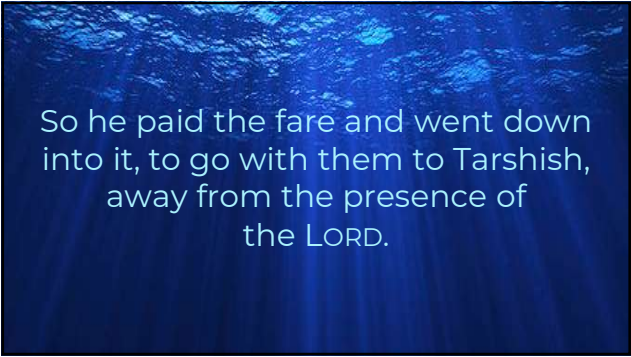
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So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

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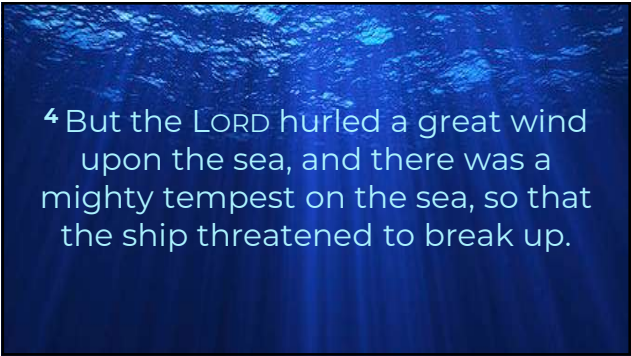
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<sup>4</sup> But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.

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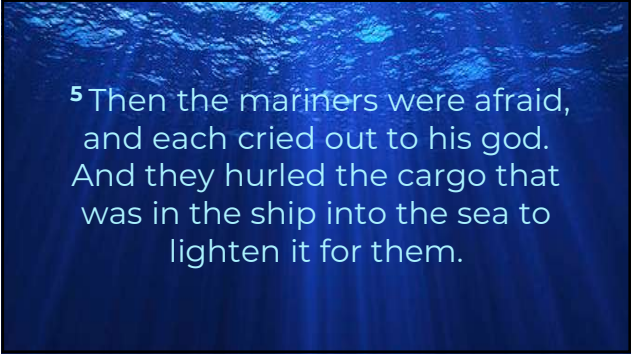
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<sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid,  
and each cried out to his god.  
And they hurled the cargo that  
was in the ship into the sea to  
lighten it for them.

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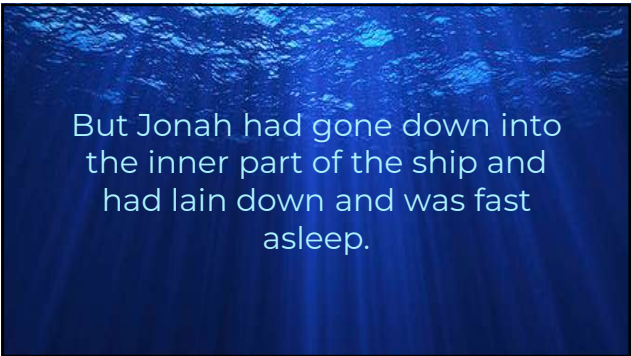
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But Jonah had gone down into  
the inner part of the ship and  
had lain down and was fast  
asleep.

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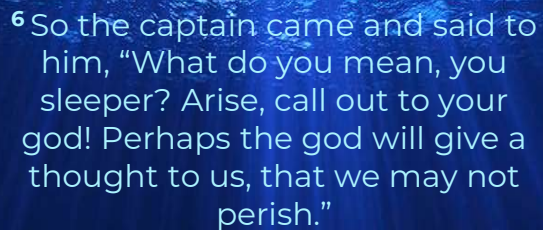
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<sup>6</sup> So the captain came and said to  
him, "What do you mean, you  
sleeper? Arise, call out to your  
god! Perhaps the god will give a  
thought to us, that we may not  
perish."

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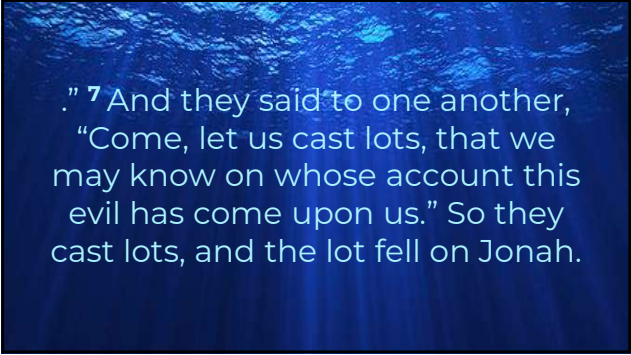
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.” <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another,  
“Come, let us cast lots, that we  
may know on whose account this  
evil has come upon us.” So they  
cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

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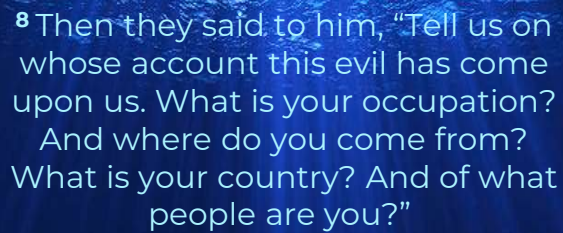
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<sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, “Tell us on  
whose account this evil has come  
upon us. What is your occupation?  
And where do you come from?  
What is your country? And of what  
people are you?”

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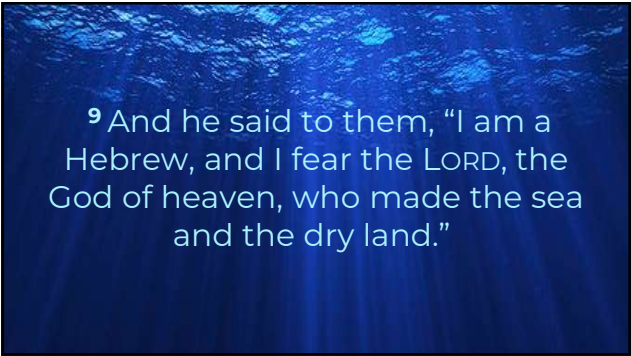
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<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “I am a  
Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the  
God of heaven, who made the sea  
and the dry land.”

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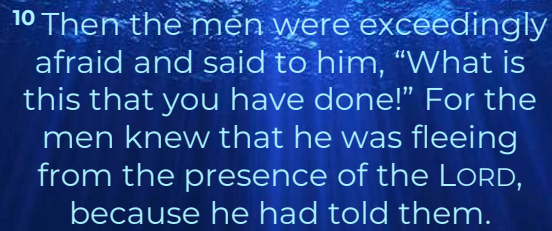
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<sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

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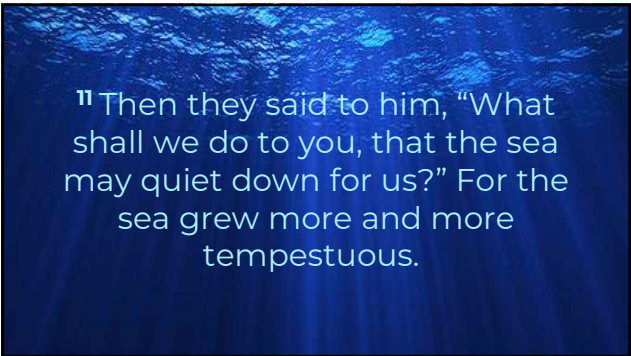
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<sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

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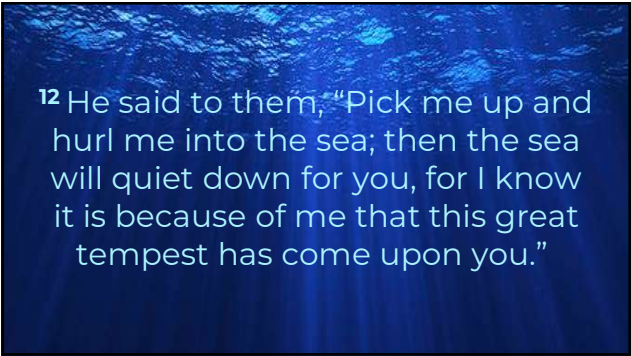
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<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

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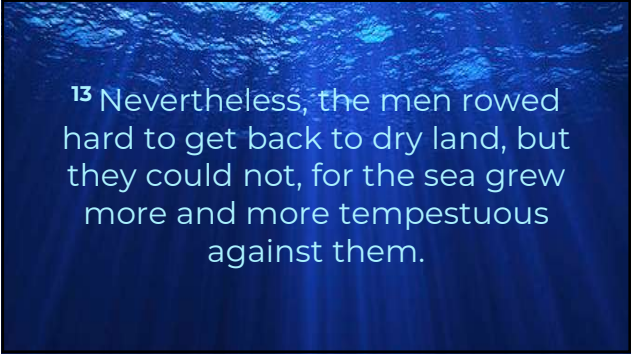
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<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

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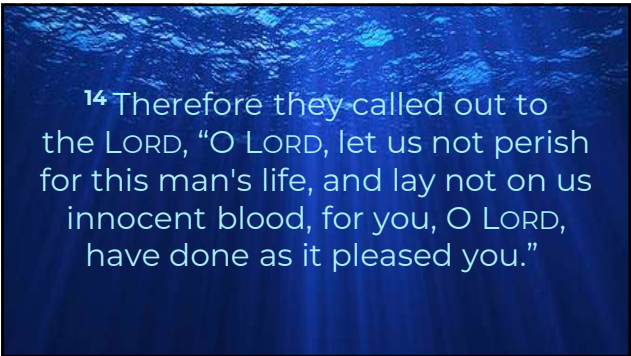
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<sup>14</sup> Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you."

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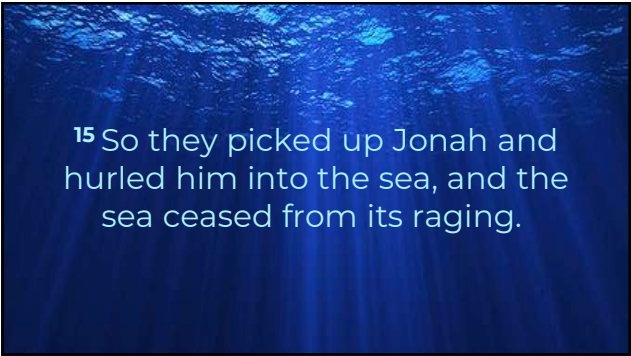
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<sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

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<sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

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### ***Four False Confirmations of a Bad Plan***

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### **The Plan Made Sense.**

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish . . .

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## Human Judgment Does Not Determine God's Plan.

**Isaiah 55** <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Habakkuk 1** <sup>5</sup> "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

**Ecclesiastes 3** <sup>11</sup> He has put eternity into the heart of man, but even so, he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

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## The Plan Worked Out.

He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

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## The Fallacy of This Way of Thinking

- Open Door Mentality
- Closed Door Mentality

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### **The Plan Felt Good.**

<sup>12</sup> The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

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### **The Fallacy of This Way of Thinking**

- **I Have a Peace about It**
- **Trust Your Heart**
- **Follow Your Dreams**

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## **The Plan Fell Apart.**

<sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

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**Who are You Running  
from This Morning?**

**It's Time to Turn Back to  
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**SLIDES AFTER  
THIS NOT FOR  
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