

# Jonah

## “The Message”

### What is the Message I am Called to Deliver Despite Running from God?

1. God is **real**; He has **spoken to me** & I have experienced **His amazing grace**.
  - **Jonah 3:1-2:** “Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.’”
2. God wants a **relationship with you**, regardless of who you are or what you have done.
  - **Jonah 3:3:** “Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.”
3. God is full of love, mercy, & grace, but He is also a God of **holy righteousness**.
  - **Jonah 3:4:** “Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, ‘Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.’”
4. God requires you to wave the white flag of **unconditional surrender** to Him; nothing more, nothing less.
  - **Jonah 3:5:** “The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”
5. Faith or belief in God/Christ encompasses:
  - a. **Serious consideration**
    - **Jonah 3:6:** “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.”
  - b. **Mournful regret**
    - **Jonah 3:7-8a:** “This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: ‘By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth.’”
  - c. **Earnest prayer**
    - **Jonah 3:8b:** “Let everyone call urgently on God.”
  - d. **Mindset change** leading to lifestyle change.
    - **Jonah 3:8c-9:** “Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”
  - e. **Supernatural deliverance**
    - **Jonah 3:10:** “When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”