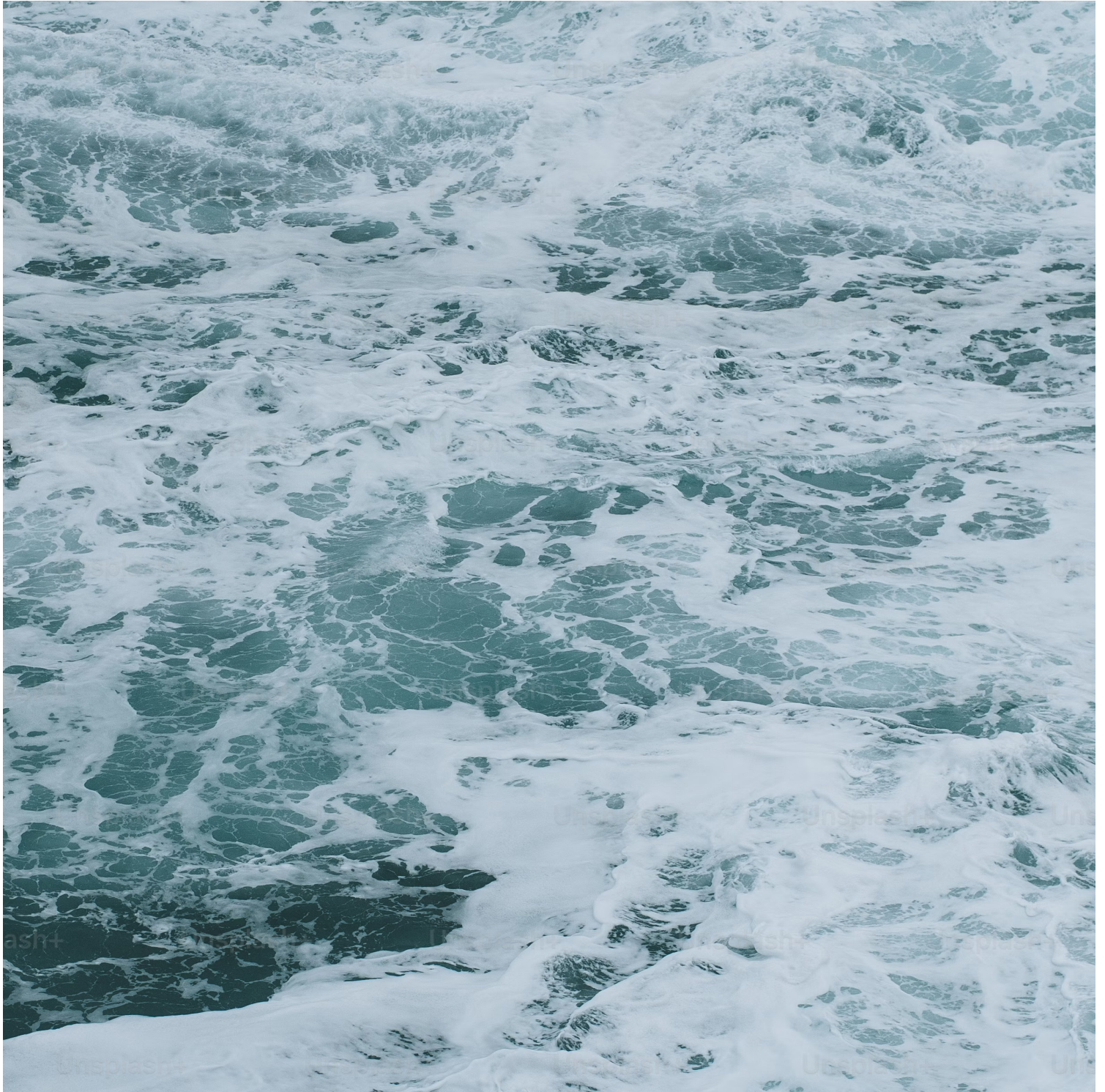


# JONAH

A 10 Day Bible Study

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# DAY 1

- Spend time in prayer, asking God to impress on your heart what he wants you to learn through this book.*

**Read Jonah 1**

1. Record the Lord's command to Jonah and list observations you make
2. What intellectual reasons do you imagine Jonah had for disobeying God?
3. How did Jonah's response to the Lord's command give evidence of his heart posture toward God?
4. What details do you notice about the storm?
5. How was God's power demonstrated, and what was the purpose behind each of His actions?

*Where has God called you to obedience in a situation you would rather avoid?  
What is your response?*

Read Jonah 1

- 1. How did the storm impact the sailors?
- 2. How have you seen the disobedience of one person have ripple effects on those around them?
- 3. What did Jonah testify to the sailors?
- 4. Contrast Jonah with the sailors, citing verse numbers.

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Jonah</u>	<u>Sailors</u>

*As you go through your daily life, what is the impact of your actions on unbelieving people around you?*

**Read Jonah 1:17-2:10**

1. What does the sudden entrance of the fish into the narrative reveal about God?
2. Imagine being inside a fish for three days and nights. What thoughts come to mind?
3. List descriptions of Jonah's experience from verses 1-6a.
4. Compare Jonah 2:4 with Jonah 1:3. How had Jonah's perspective changed?

*How do times of trial and distress tend to alter your perspective?*

**Read Jonah 2:1-10**

1. What tone do you sense in Jonah's prayer?
2. Record every action Jonah took in this chapter.
3. What actions and truths about God are mentioned?
4. Write verse 8 in your own words.
5. How did Jonah contrast himself (given his new perspective) with those who hope in idols?  
What did he promise to do?

*Write your own prayer of surrender to God and his plans for you.*

**Read Jonah 3:1-9**

1. What do you learn from the second chance for obedience God gave to Jonah?
2. What did Jonah do, and what message did he communicate in response to God's command?
3. How did the Ninevites' beliefs translate into action in verse 5? What strikes you most about this?
4. Given their infamous reputation for violence and godlessness, what is surprising about the response of the Ninevite leaders?

To what do you attribute their abrupt change of heart?

*When has God given you a second chance? What will you do with it?*



**Read Jonah 3:1-9**

1. Given their limited knowledge of the one true God, what do you find compelling about the Ninevites' response to Jonah's message?
2. What was the purpose of the Ninevites' fast? (also see 1 Sam 7:6)
3. Referring to the following verses, what are some other purposes of fasting?

*Judges 20:26-28*

*1 Kings 21:27-29*

*2 Chronicles 20:1-4*

*Ezra 8:21-23*

4. How would you like to grow in the discipline of fasting?

*Considering your access to knowledge of God and his word, is your response to God's promptings in your life proportional?*



**Read Jonah 3:10-4:3**

1. Describe God's decision in light of Nineveh's repentance. How was it indicative of his character?

2. What do the verses below teach about what God is like?

*Psalms 130:1-4*

*Isaiah 55:6-7*

*Joel 2:12-13*

*2 Peter 3:9*

3. What did Jonah know about the character of God?

4. How did Jonah respond to his knowledge of God's character?

*What is your personal response to the forgiveness and compassion of God?*

**Read Jonah 4:1-11**

1. What repeated question did God ask Jonah? What would have been the appropriate response, and what was Jonah's actual response?
2. Explain Jonah's action in verse 5. What do you think he was hoping to see?
3. Compare Jonah 1:17, 4:6, 4:7, and 4:8. What similar wording do you find, and what does it teach you?
4. Trace Jonah's emotions throughout this chapter and the associated circumstances.

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Emotion stated or implied</u>	<u>Circumstance</u>

*What could you do when you recognize your emotions are incongruent with a godly attitude?*

**Read Jonah 4:1-11**

1. How was the plant an object lesson for Jonah? What did God want Jonah to understand?
2. What did Jonah want for the Ninevites? How does this compare with what he wanted for himself?
3. What do you think Jonah's response to God revealed about his heart?
4. How does the abrupt ending of this book cause you to evaluate your own motives and attitudes?

*What is your main takeaway from this book?*

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