

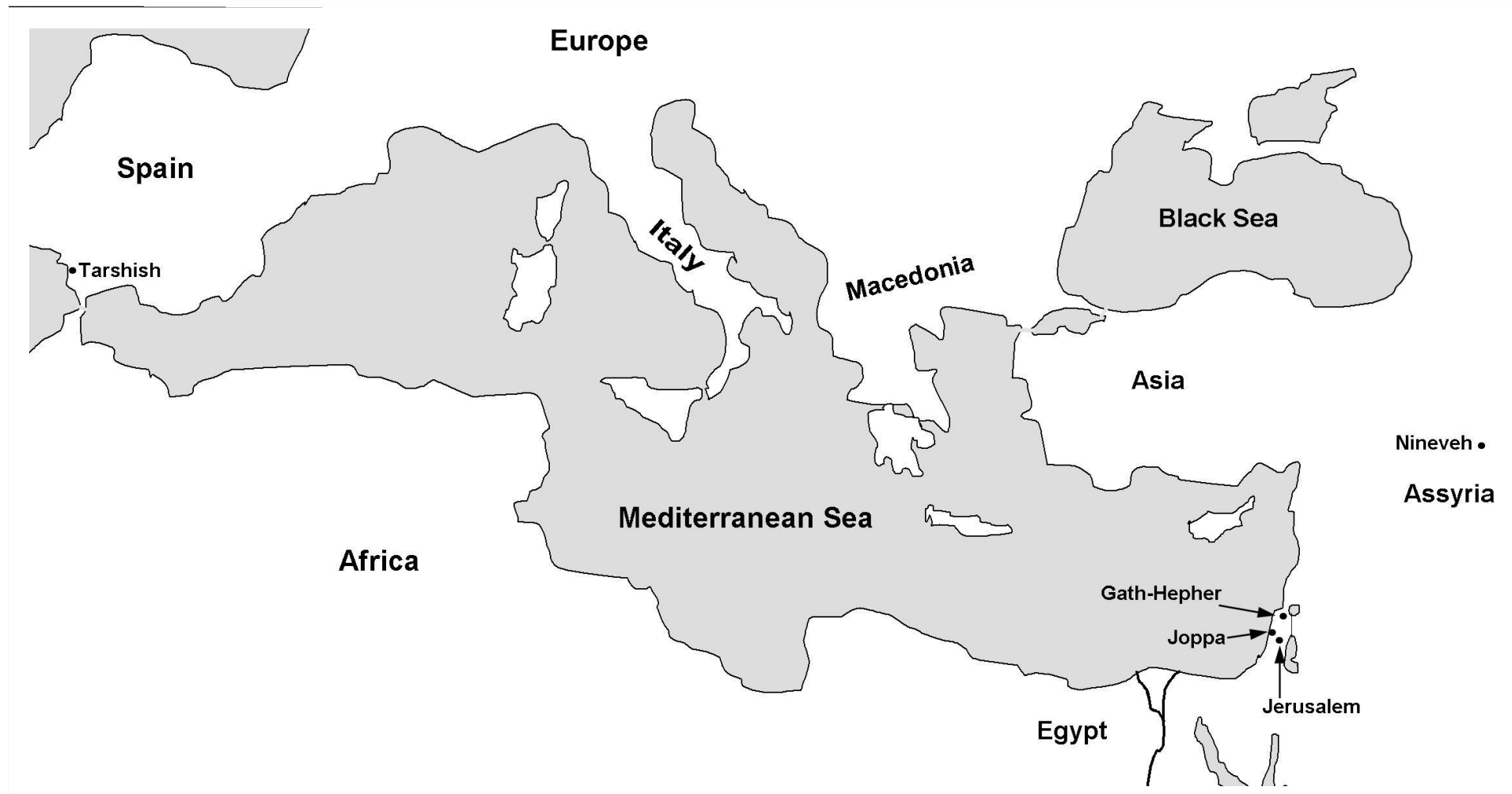


THE STORY OF JONAH

DON'T YOU CARE? (PART 1)

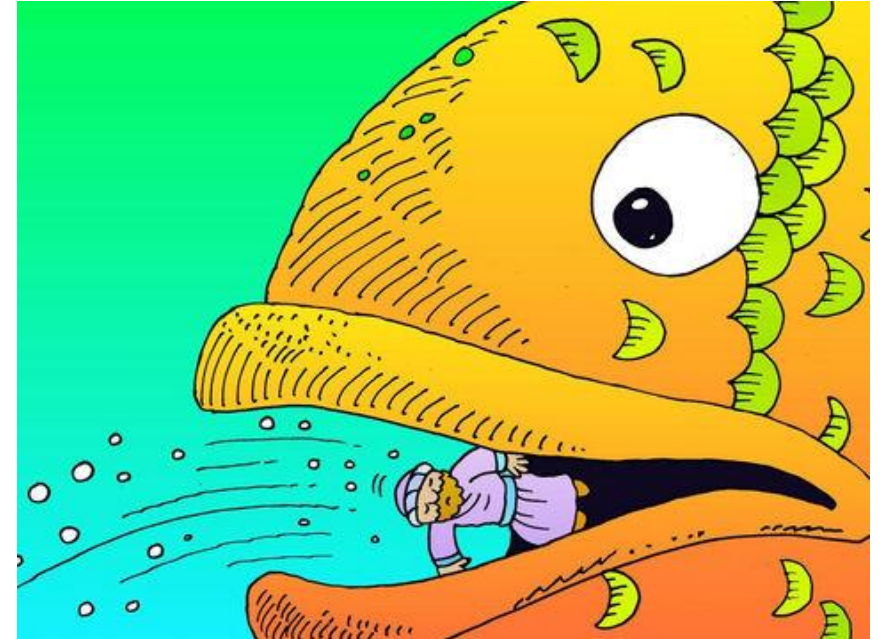
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BACKGROUND



JONAH – DON'T YOU CARE?

- God steps in – The Call
- God steps in – The Storm
- God steps in – The Turning



GOD STEPS IN – THE CALL

- Why did Jonah decide to go 2000 miles in the opposite direction?
- Jonah 4:2 it spells it out, *“This is why I ran away to Tarshish. I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people”*.



GOD STEPS IN – THE CALL

- Jonah did not carry God's heart for salvation.
- Israel was called to be a model of how to live righteously and be recipients of God's love.
- God said – “Go outside and show them how to live”



GOD STEPS IN – THE CALL

- Jonah was no ordinary man. He was a prophet.
- He did what prophets did – but only within his own nation
- Was Jonah a man after God's own heart?
- Do I truly carry God's heart for this lost world?



GOD STEPS IN – THE STORM

- You can't keep running away from God (Psalm 139)
- A storm rages, chaos and fear all around, human effort to save themselves
- Wake up – Don't you care?



GOD STEPS IN – THE STORM

- Are we asleep to the turmoil, pain, fear, confusion of people's lives around us?
- Are we on a boat going the wrong way?
- God is saying: “Wake up, don't you care?”



GOD STEPS IN – THE STORM

- God wants us to recapture his heart for mission
- God wants us to find a fresh passion for his Kingdom
- *Set a fire down in my soul that I can't contain and I can't control...*



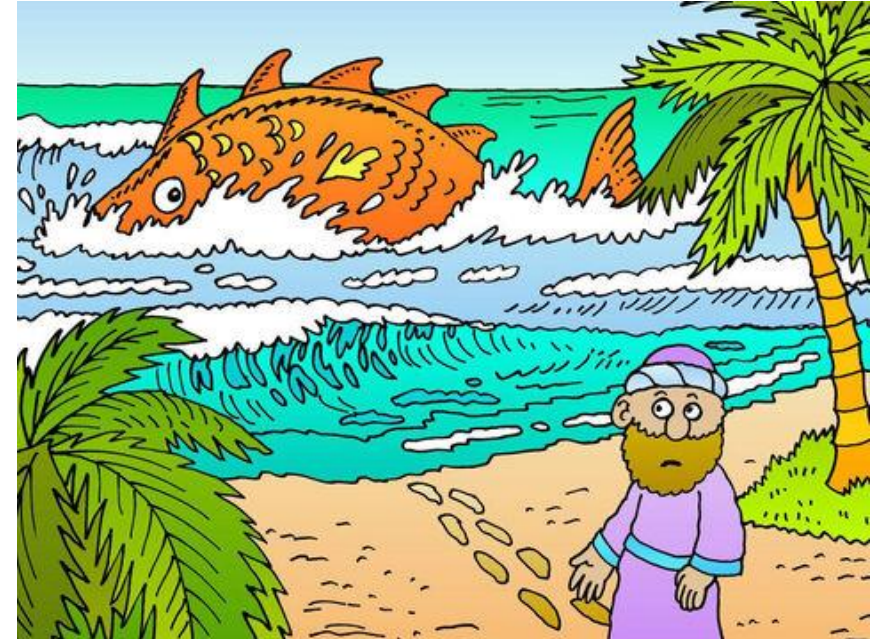
GOD STEPS IN – THE TURNING

- Jonah was never going to turn around without a miracle; the power of God
- We need a fresh impartation of the power of the Holy Spirit
- *Without God we cannot; without us God will not* – Saint Augustine
- Jonah surrendered his life; we too need to surrender



GOD STEPS IN – THE TURNING

- Surrendering to God didn't take Jonah to Tarshish
- Neither did it take him to Nineveh
- It took him back to the call
- You don't have to be fixed to serve God's purposes, but you do have to be willing.
- What has God been calling us to do?



SUMMARY

- Am I truly a man or woman after God's own heart?
- What boat am I travelling on at the moment?
- How awake am I to what is happening around me?
- Do I really care about what God cares about?