



THE STORY OF JONAH

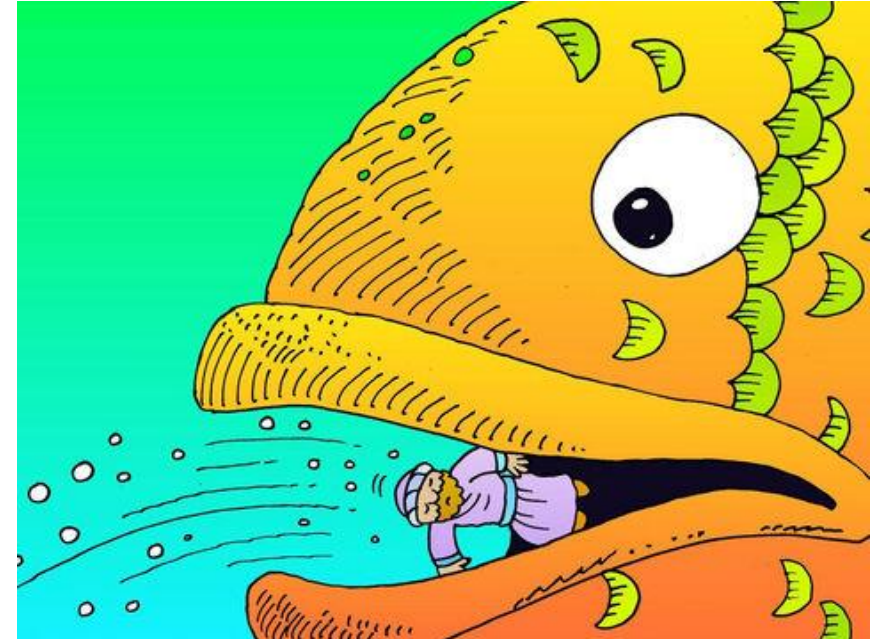
DON'T YOU CARE? (PART 2)

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JONAH – DON'T YOU CARE?

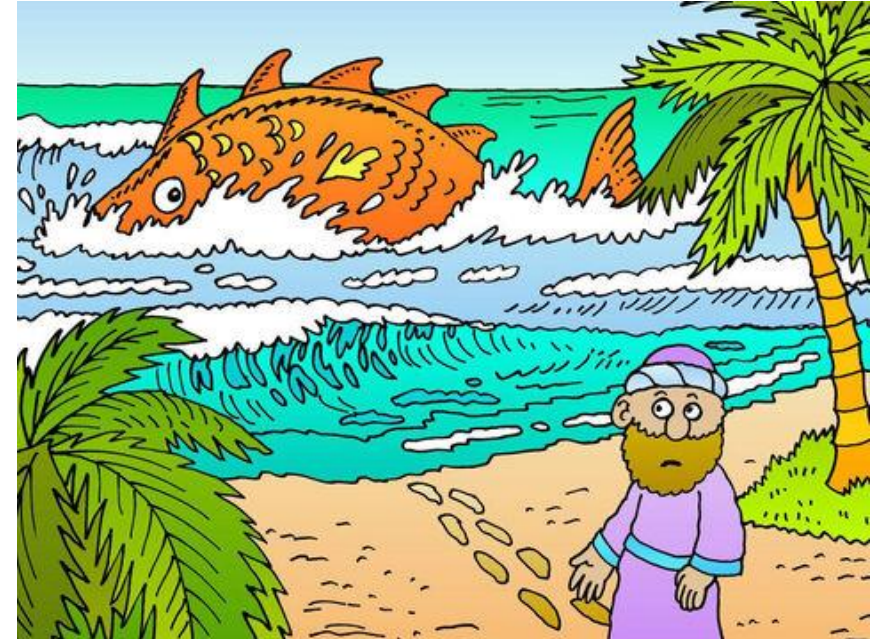
It starts all over again...

- 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 Nineveh this time when last time he ran away?
- Perhaps it was his experience of the storm, and three days in the belly of a fish
- Wouldn't that change your mind?



GOD STEPS IN – THE CALL

- A change of mind is not the same as a change of heart.
- Miracles can often change our circumstances but do they change our hearts?
- Don't chase the miracle, chase the miracle maker



GOD STEPS IN – THE CALL

- Jonah does go to Nineveh and the city repents
- Fixed or not fixed, if we are willing to be used by God, great things can happen.
- Jonah can now tick this off his checklist
- Are we truly invested in the things of God's heart or are we simply checking things off a list



GOD STEPS IN – THE STORM

- When God tries to catch our attention: mountains, valleys, storms, earthquakes, floods, drought...
- We often experience storms when we disobey God
- In this part of the story Jonah has obeyed God with great success, but there is still a problem that God needs to deal with.
- God looks on the inside – the heart.



GOD STEPS IN – THE STORM

- A more subtle storm – a leafy plant, a worm and a scorching east wind.
- In the previous storm Jonah thought he was going to die. In this storm he wanted to die.
- First storm – God wanted to change Jonah's direction. In this storm – He wants Jonah to understand why
- Is God simply trying to turn me around, or is there something deeper going on?



GOD STEPS IN – THE TURNING

- God says: “*Is it right for you to be angry?*”
- How can Jonah be so passionate about a plant and show no passion for the salvation of a city?
- Are we passionate about the wrong things?



GOD STEPS IN – THE TURNING

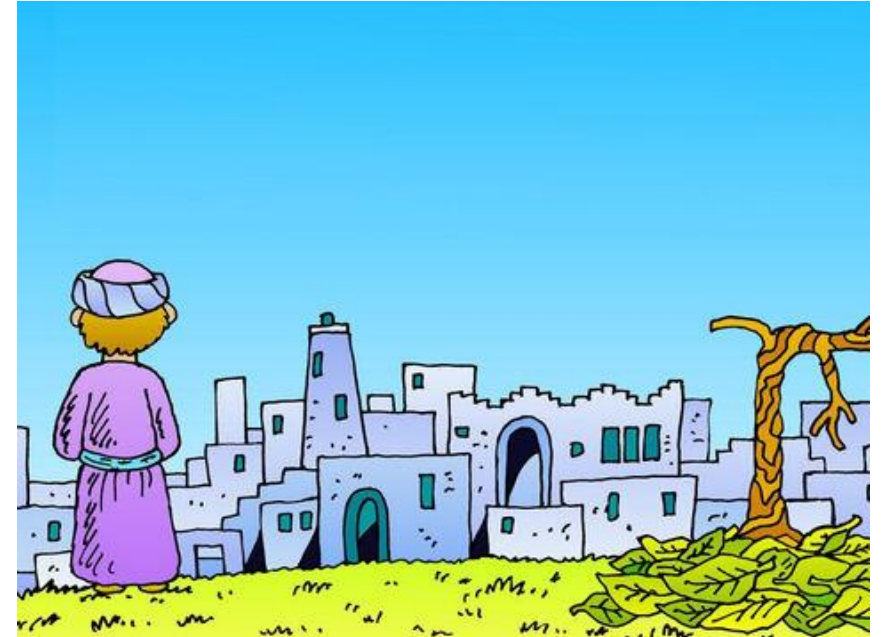
- The Prodigal Son

- Where was the father's passion?
- Where was the elder son's passion?
- Why was the elder son not looking out daily for his brother's return?
- What mattered most to the father?



GOD STEPS IN – THE TURNING

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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?”



SUMMARY

- The story of Jonah is about God trying to change a man's heart to be more like his
- I suspect Jonah finally understood, demonstrated by his silence after God's last words.
- If this is Jonah's personal testimony, he is urging us not to make the same mistakes he made.
- I want more of you God; God wants more of me; God wants more of himself in me.