



## A WHALE OF A TALE

### God's Call to Jonah

**Jonah 1:1-3 (NASB):** <sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

### Israel's Lament in Captivity

**Psalm 137:1-6 (NASB):** <sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon,  
There we sat down and wept,  
When we remembered Zion.  
<sup>2</sup> Upon the willows in the midst of it  
We hung our harps.  
<sup>3</sup> For there our captors demanded of us songs,  
And our tormentors mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."  
<sup>4</sup> How can we sing the LORD'S song  
In a foreign land?  
<sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
May my right hand forget *her skill*.  
<sup>6</sup> May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
If I do not remember you,  
If I do not exalt Jerusalem  
Above my chief joy.

Jonah represents \_\_\_\_\_ in this story!

I. **Jonah teaches that we can \_\_\_\_\_ but we can't \_\_\_\_\_!**

- A. Jonah did what \_\_\_\_\_ of us do when God calls!
- B. Jonah learned that there are \_\_\_\_\_ to running from God!
- C. Jonah was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

**II. Jonah teaches us that \_\_\_\_\_ people are \_\_\_\_\_ people!**

- A. When you get to \_\_\_\_\_ people they aren't strangers anymore!
- B. The belly of the "whale" out of \_\_\_\_\_!

**III. Jonah teaches us that \_\_\_\_\_ call, though not \_\_\_\_\_ easy is \_\_\_\_\_!**

- A. The pagan Assyrian King did what Israel would not do, he \_\_\_\_\_!
- B. Jonah's story tells us a lot about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

God \_\_\_\_\_ all of us!