

# Jonah—The Crisis of God's Call

## Running Into a Storm

Jonah 1:1-16

### **God Calls**

*(Jonah 1:1-2) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

*(Ephesians 4:1) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*

### **Jonah Runs**

*(Jonah 1:3) But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

**Runaways choose their hate over God's love.**

### **Jonah Runs Into a Storm**

*(Jonah 1:4) Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.*

**A runaway's storm can drown everyone in the boat.**

**When a runaway wakes up, he sees that he's brought a storm upon himself.**

*(Jonah 1:6) The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish."*

*(Jonah 1:12) "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."*

**Jonah is Thrown into the Sea, with Nothing Left to Hold Him Up**

*(Jonah 1:15) Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.*

*(Jonah 1:17) But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.*

**When you know that you've reached the end, God is ready to give you a new beginning.**