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Jonah 1:1-10 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

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He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. ⁴ But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea,

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so that the ship threatened to break up.

⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

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**6 So the captain came and said to him,
“What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise,
call out to your god! Perhaps the god will
give a thought to us, that we may not
perish.” 7 And they said to one another,
“Come, let us cast lots, that we may know
on whose**

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account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.
⁸ Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

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⁹ And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!”

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**For the men knew that he was fleeing
from the presence of the LORD,
because he had told them.**

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The miracles...

- A great storm
- A great fish
- A great and wicked city
- A plant and a worm and a hot east wind

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**Matthew 12:39-40 But he answered them,
“An evil and adulterous generation seeks
for a sign, but no sign will be given to it
except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**

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40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

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**Jonah 2:8-9 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.
9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”**

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Devotion Distractions

- Financial shortages
- Health deficiencies
- Relational conflicts
- Societal conundrums

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Jonah 4:11 “And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

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suffering that we may deserve.**

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רחם *racham* /raw·kham

It means to show favor, instead of punishment and implies a forgiving relationship.

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Exodus 33:19 “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

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Yahweh meaning...
I am that I am

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God's mercy looks like:

- **Not leaving people to fend for themselves in painful circumstances, even if it is not of their own doing.**

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God's mercy looks like:

- **Compassionately delivering people out of misery – even from pain or judgment that they may rightly deserve.**

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Be on the look-out for the gospel of mercy.