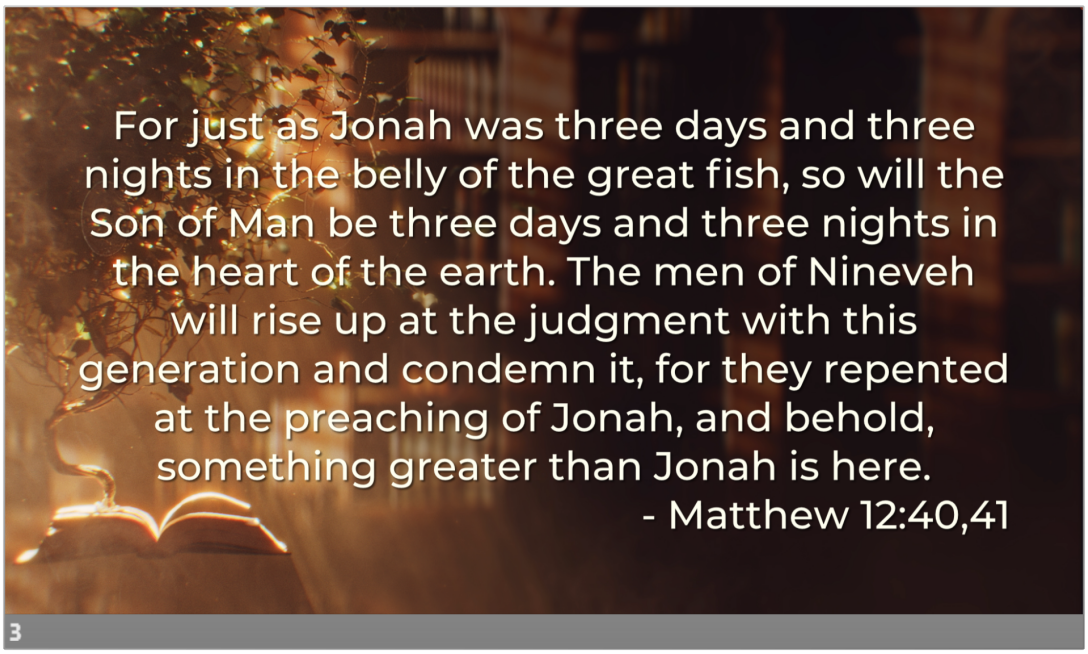
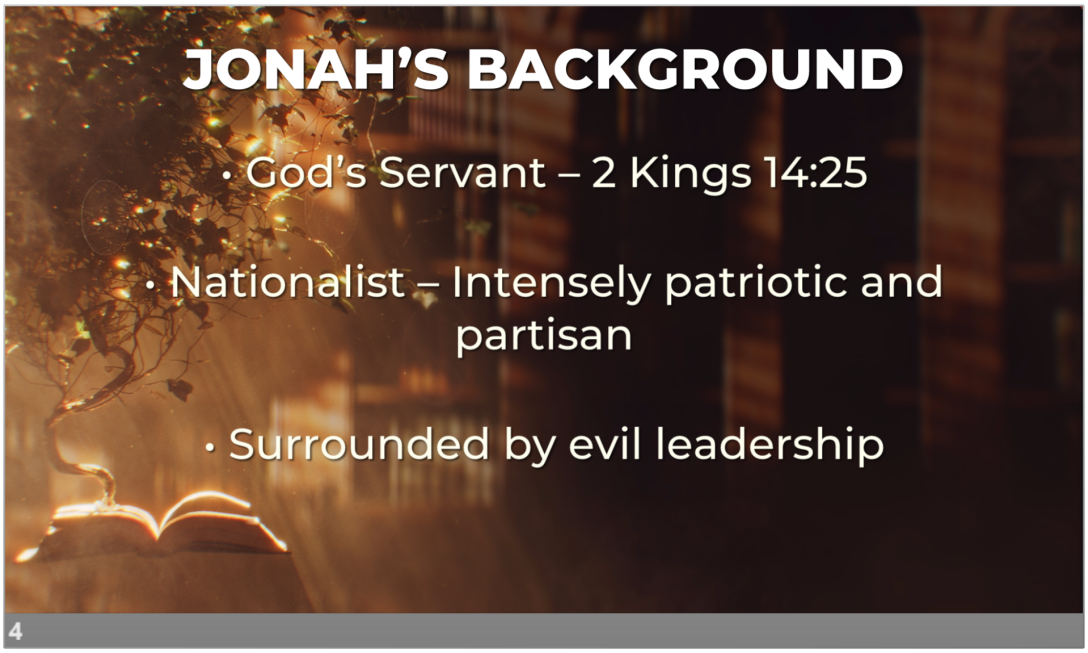
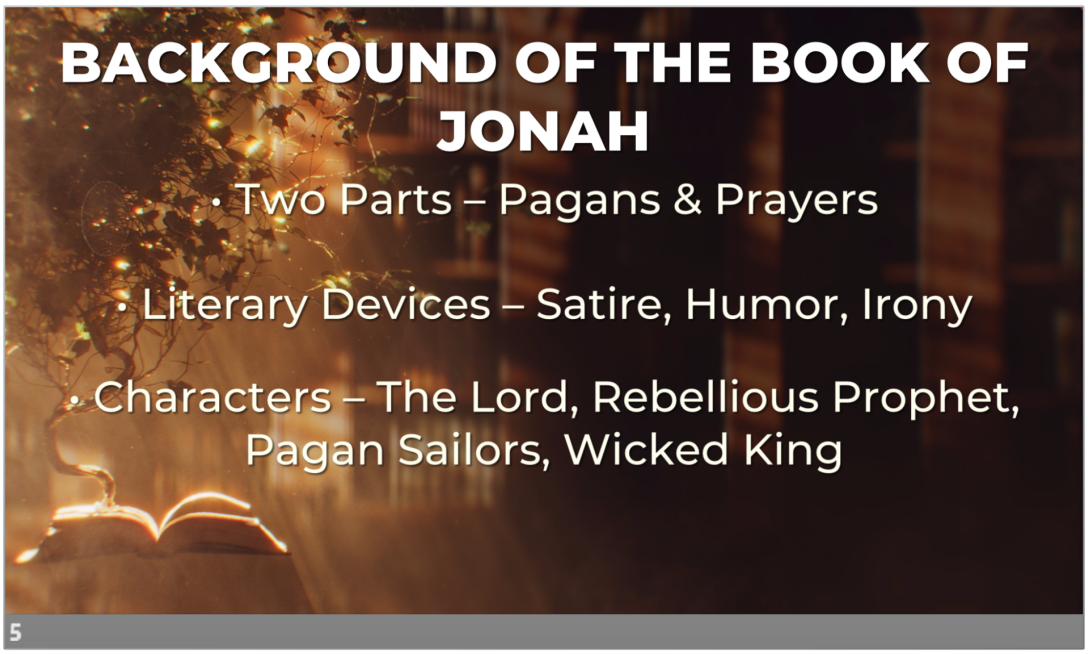
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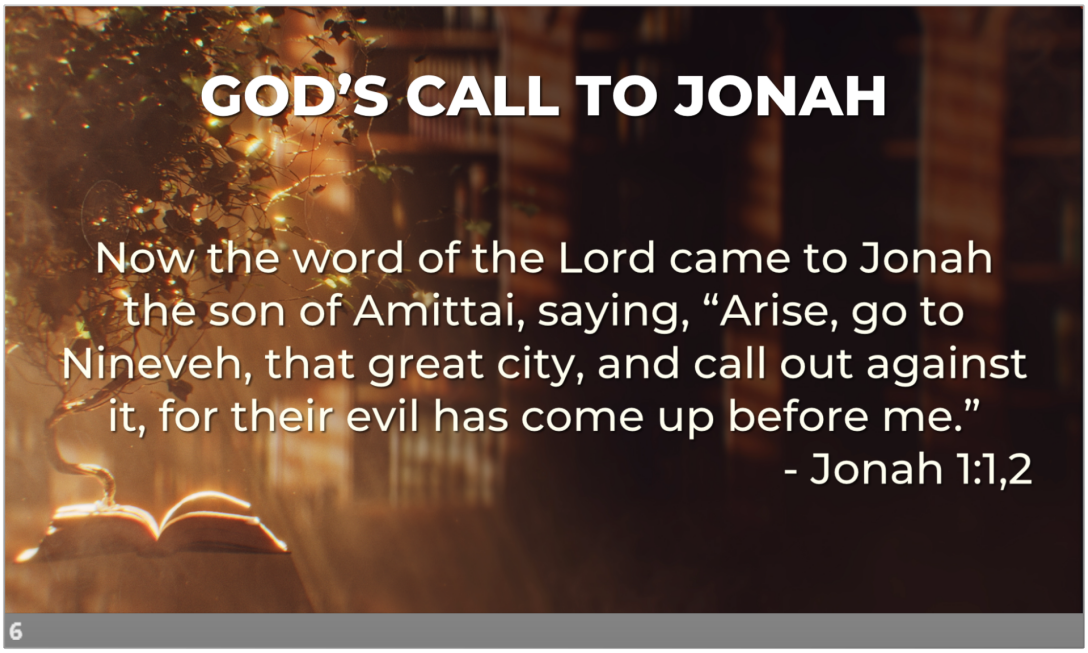

THE STORY OF
JONAH
& THE MERCY OF GOD
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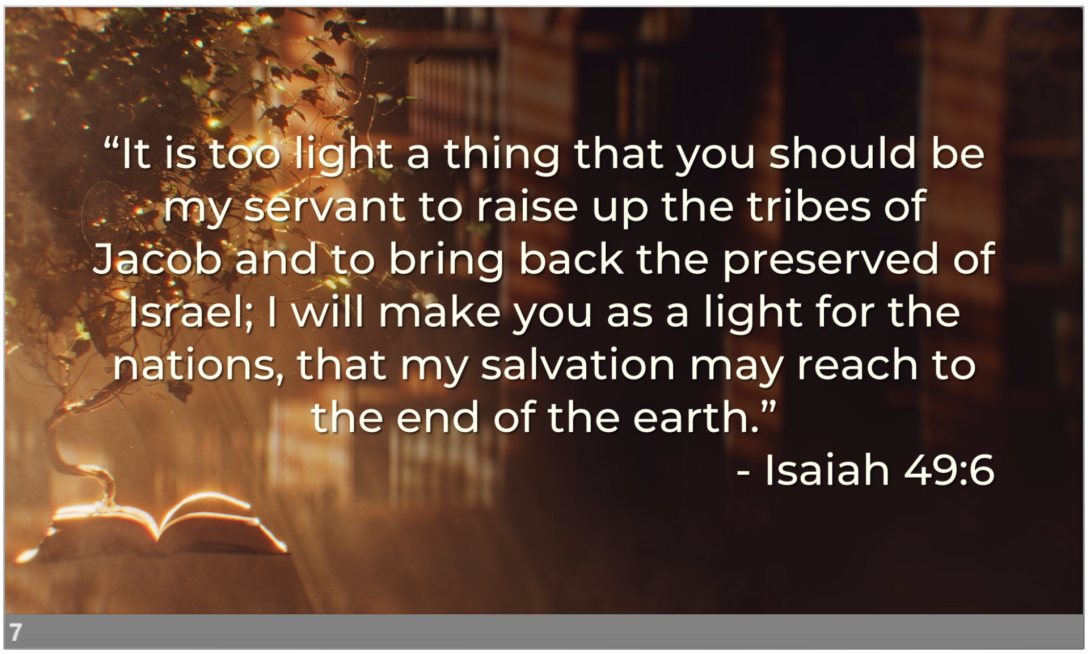

RUNNING FROM THE CALL
JONAH 1:1-6
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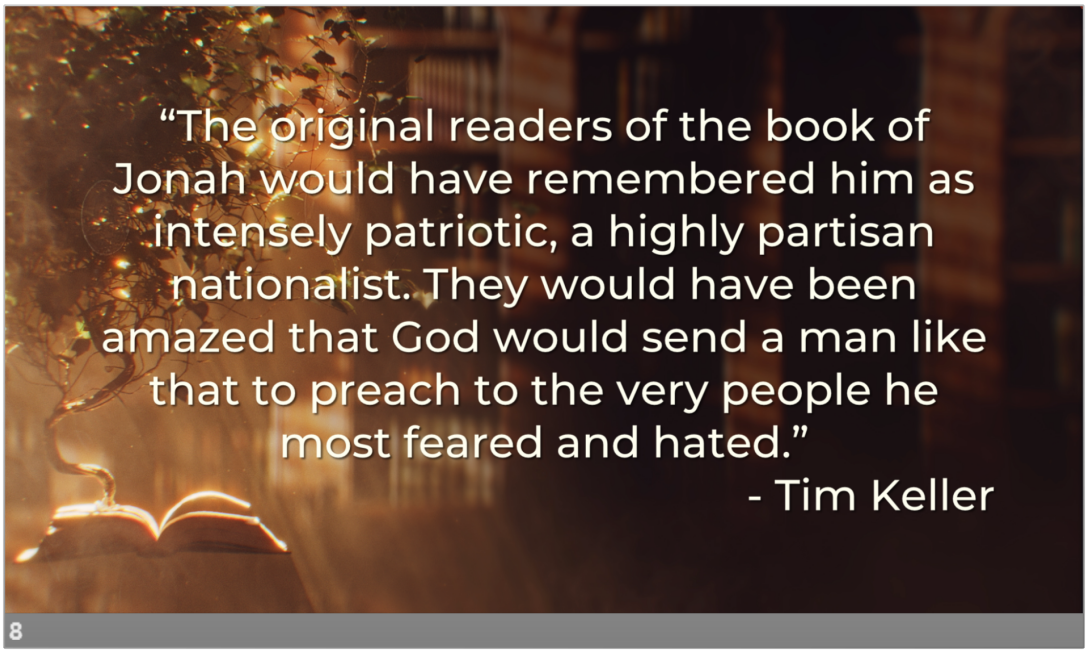

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.
- Matthew 12:40,41
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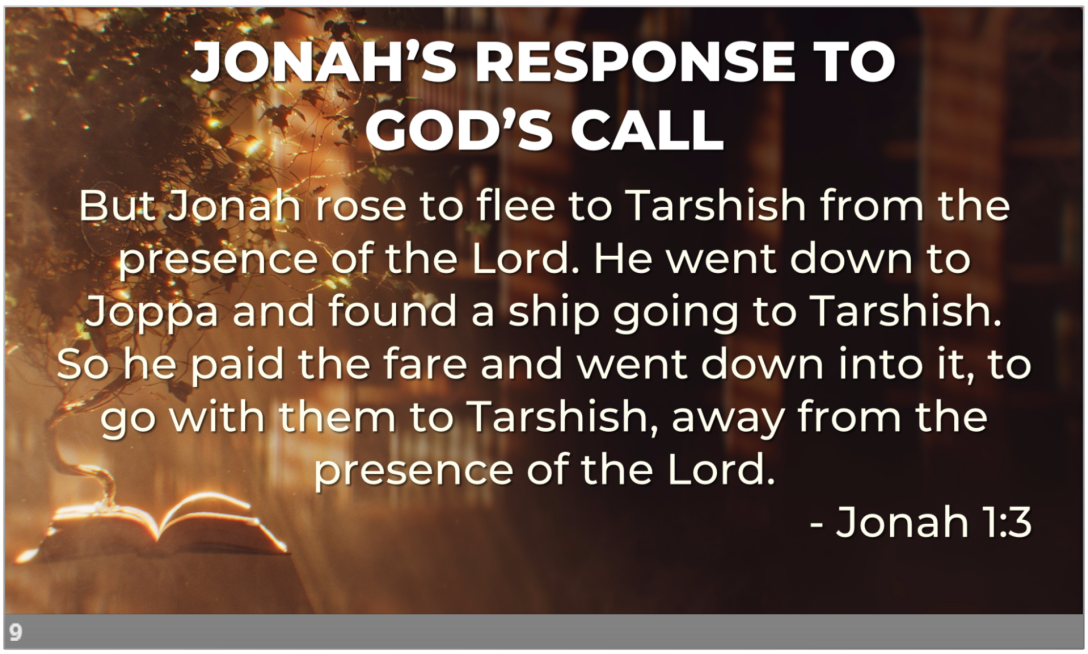

JONAH'S BACKGROUND
• God's Servant – 2 Kings 14:25
• Nationalist – Intensely patriotic and partisan
• Surrounded by evil leadership
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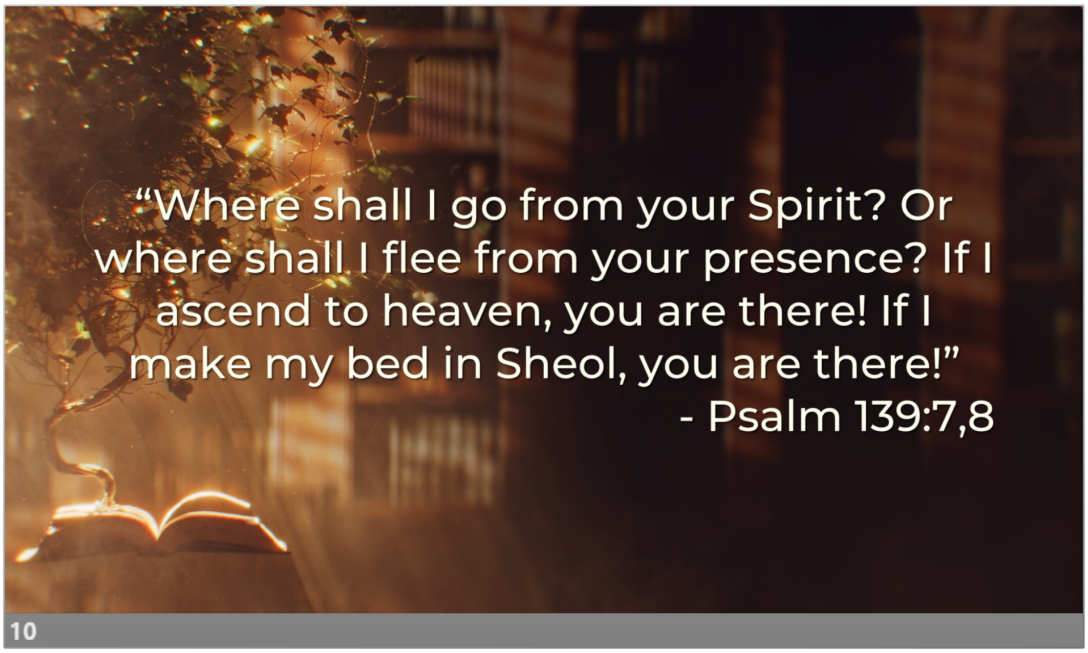

BACKGROUND OF THE BOOK OF JONAH
• Two Parts – Pagans & Prayers
• Literary Devices – Satire, Humor, Irony
• Characters – The Lord, Rebellious Prophet, Pagan Sailors, Wicked King
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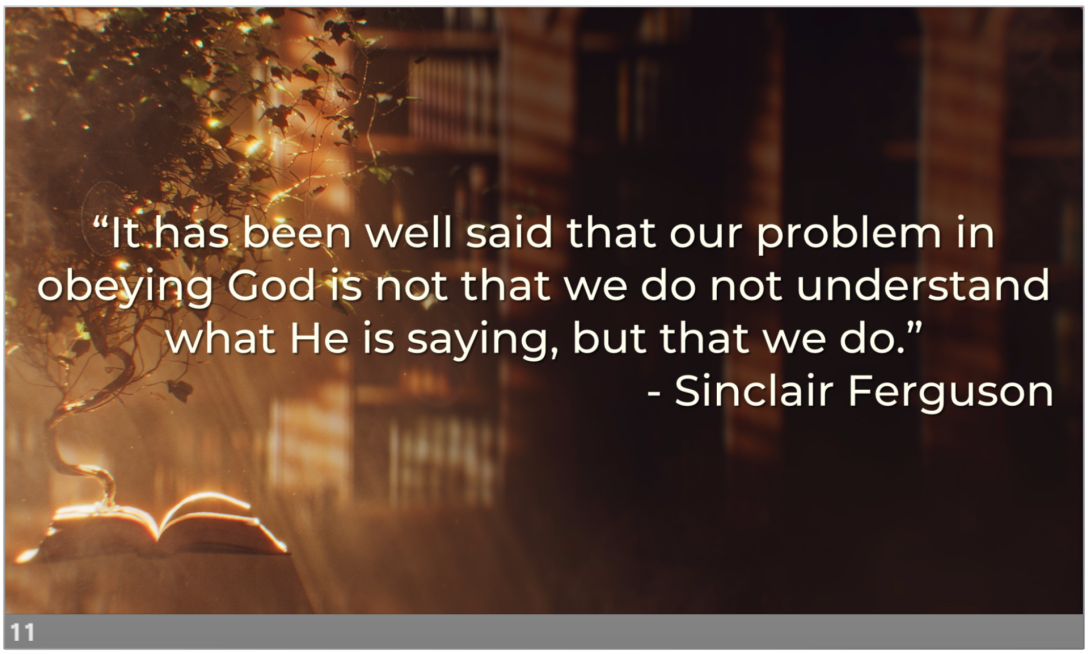

GOD'S CALL TO JONAH
Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."
- Jonah 1:1,2
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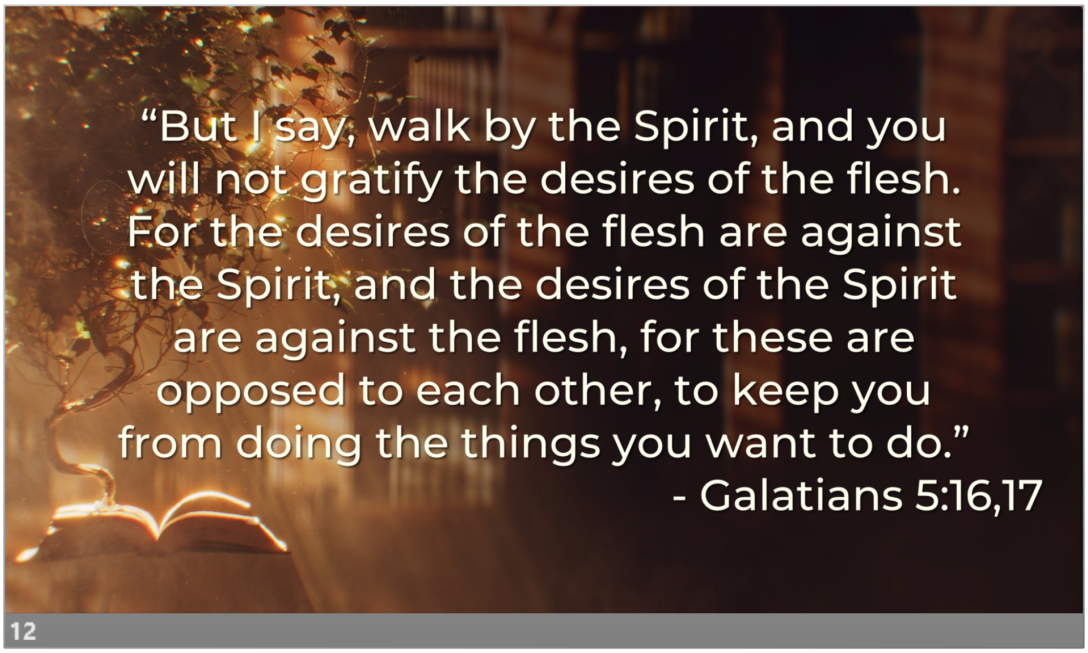

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- Isaiah 49:6
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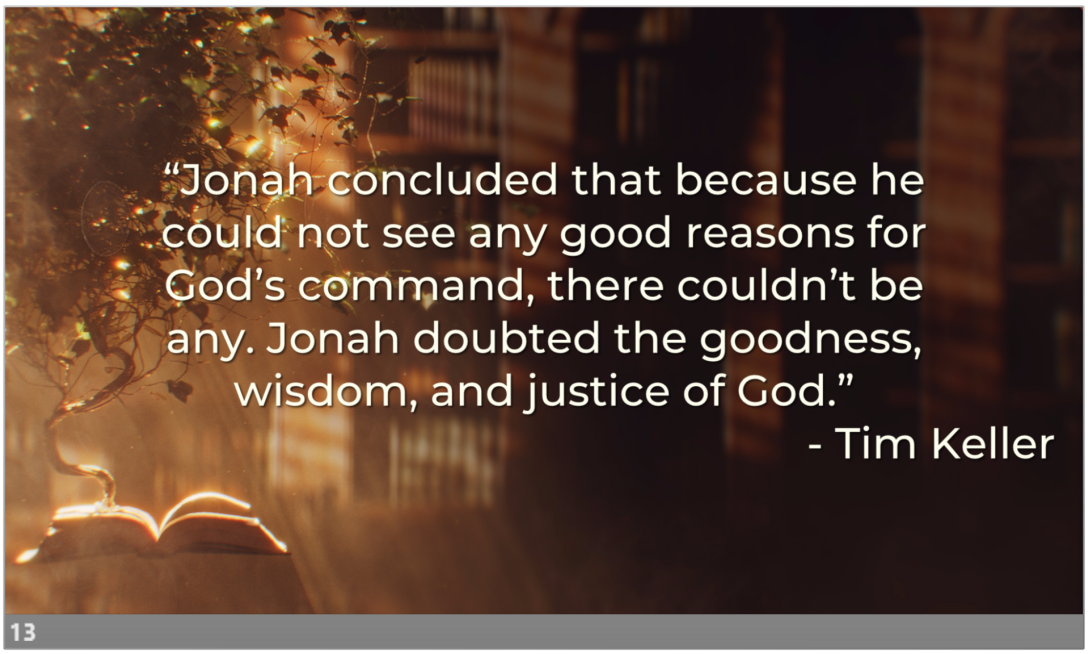

"The original readers of the book of Jonah would have remembered him as intensely patriotic, a highly partisan nationalist. They would have been amazed that God would send a man like that to preach to the very people he most feared and hated."
- Tim Keller
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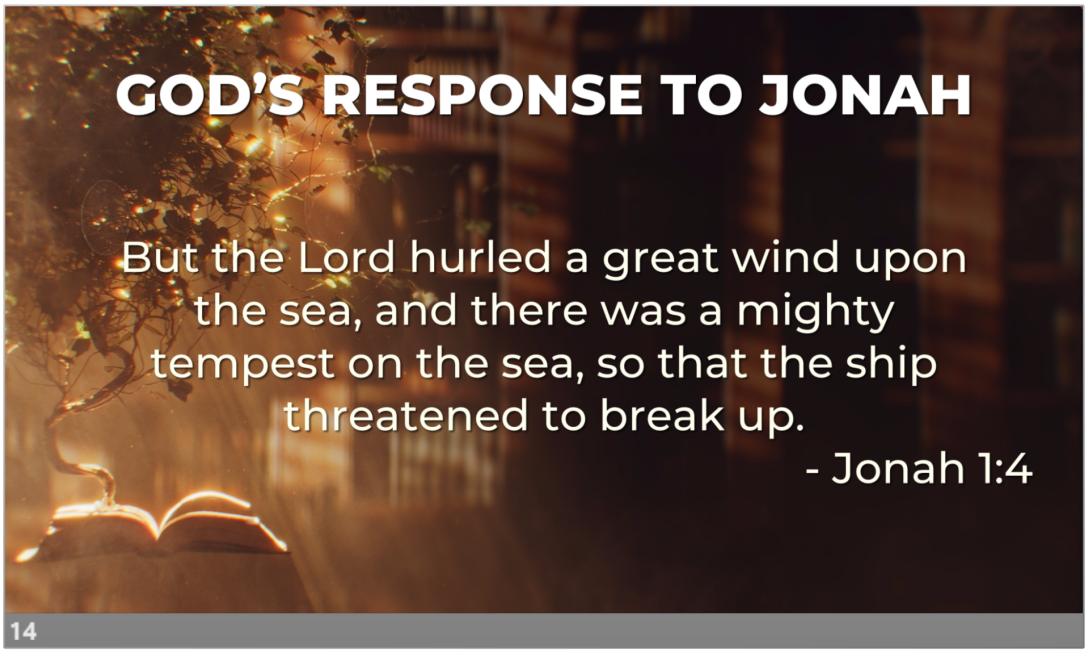

JONAH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL
But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.
- Jonah 1:3
9


"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!"
- Psalm 139:7,8
10


"It has been well said that our problem in obeying God is not that we do not understand what He is saying, but that we do."
- Sinclair Ferguson
11


"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."
- Galatians 5:16,17
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"Jonah concluded that because he could not see any good reasons for God's command, there couldn't be any. Jonah doubted the goodness, wisdom, and justice of God."
- Tim Keller
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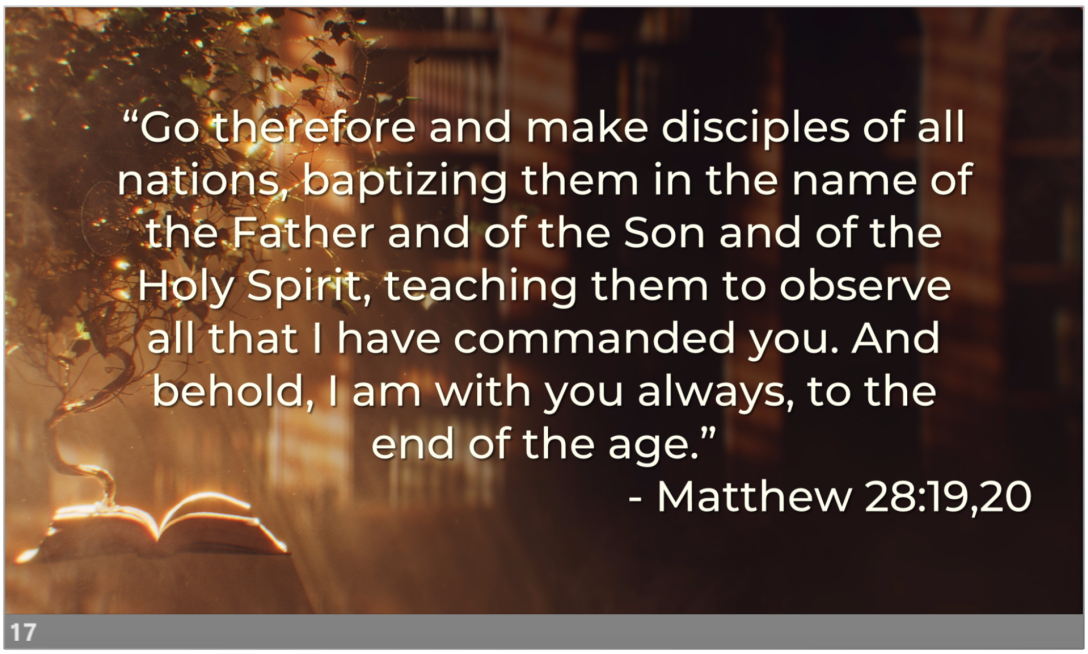

GOD'S RESPONSE TO JONAH
But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.
- Jonah 1:4
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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- Matthew 28:19,20
17


• Quit Running from God.
• Be open to his leading.
• Trust his goodness.
• Go and make disciples.
18


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THE GREAT COMMISSION
S - START A CONVERSATION
A - ASK QUESTIONS
L - LISTEN
T - TELL YOUR STORY
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