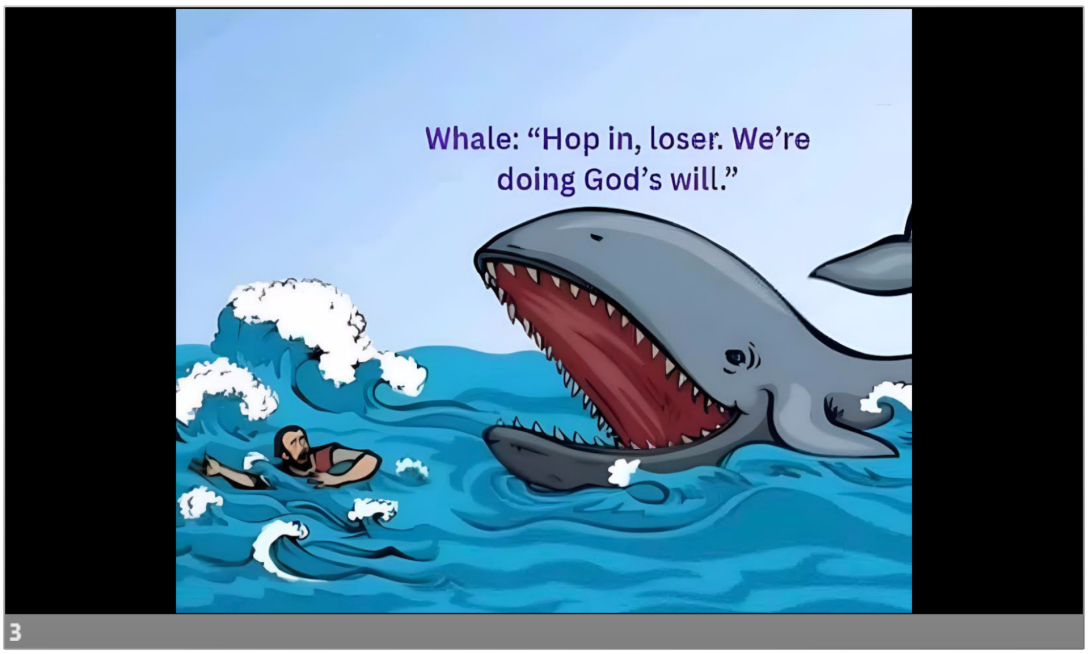
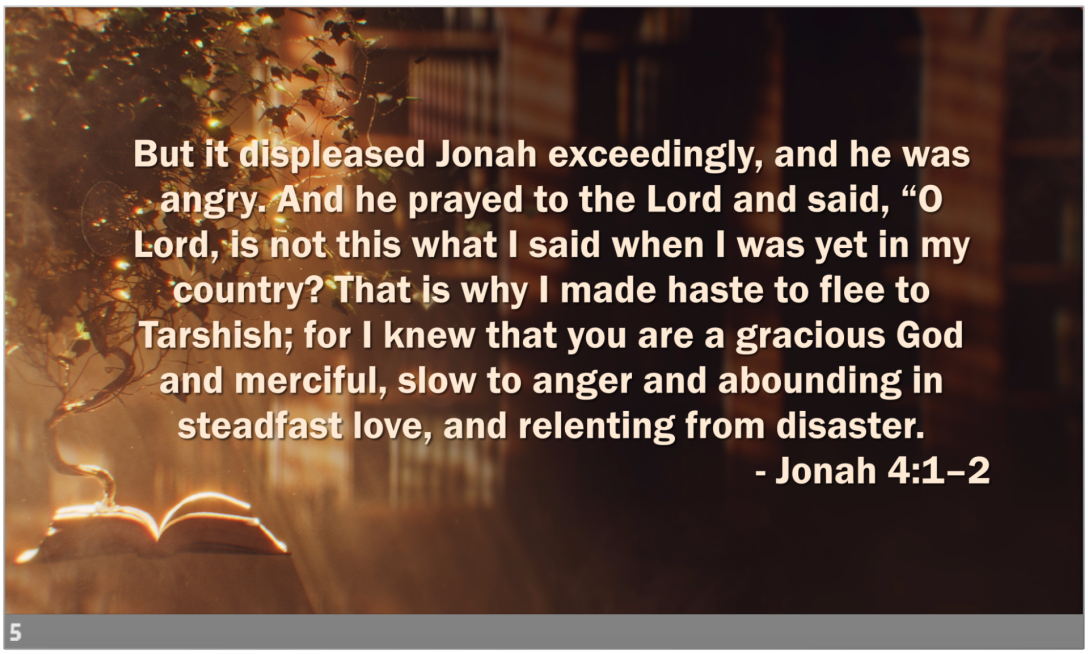
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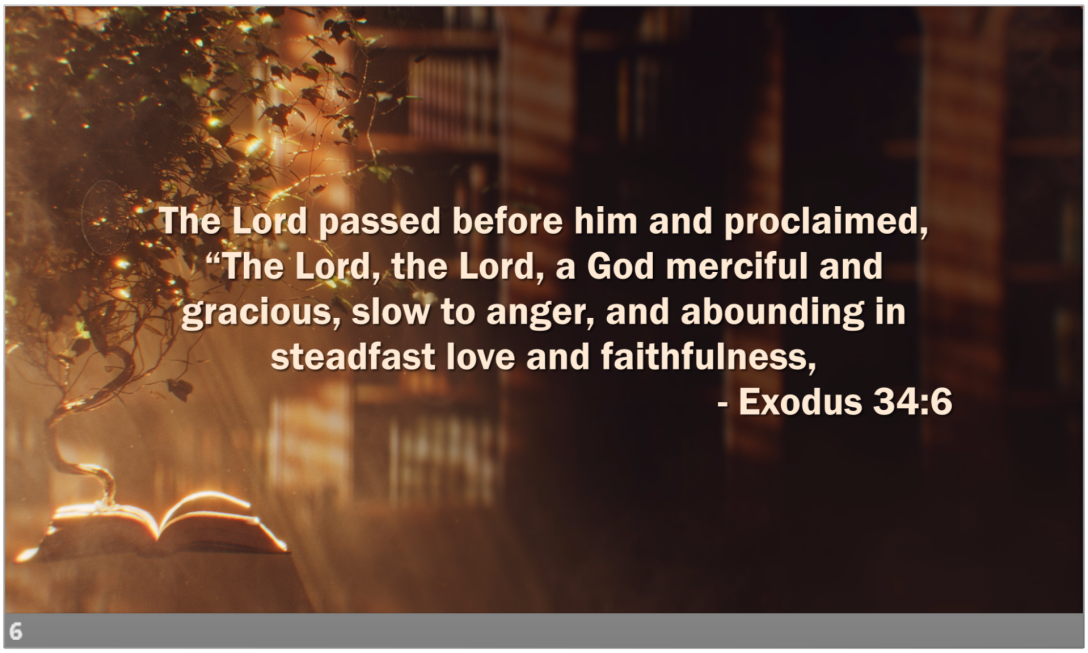

THE STORY OF
JONAH
& THE MERCY OF GOD
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"I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO THOSE PEOPLE"
JONAH 4:1-11
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Whale: "Hop in, loser. We're doing God's will."
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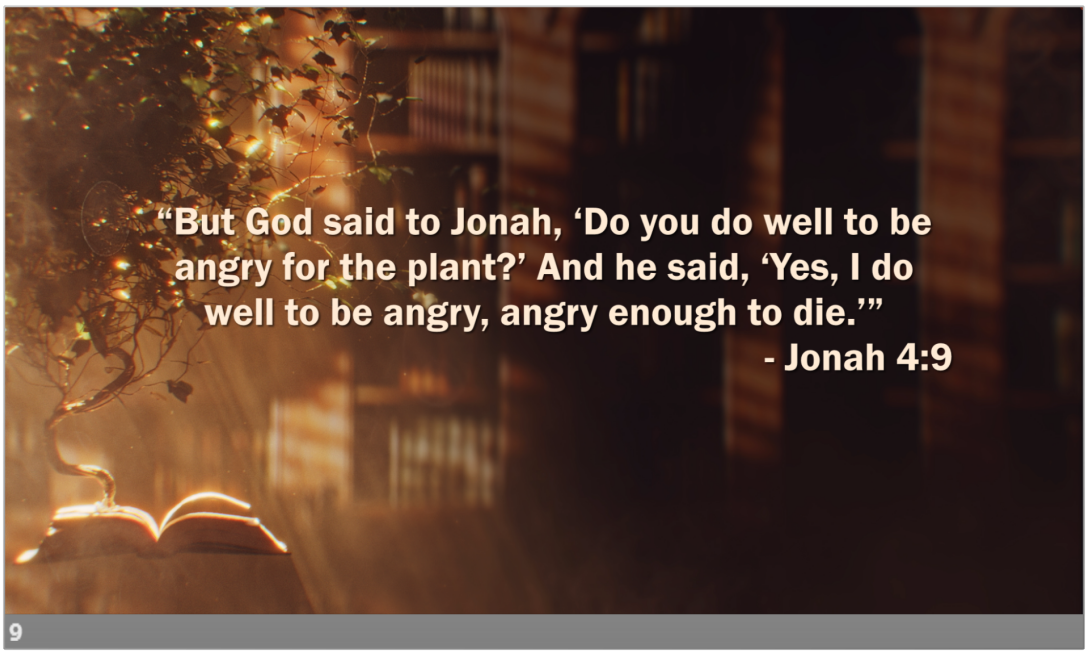

God's Mercy Confronts Our Pride
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But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.
- Jonah 4:1–2
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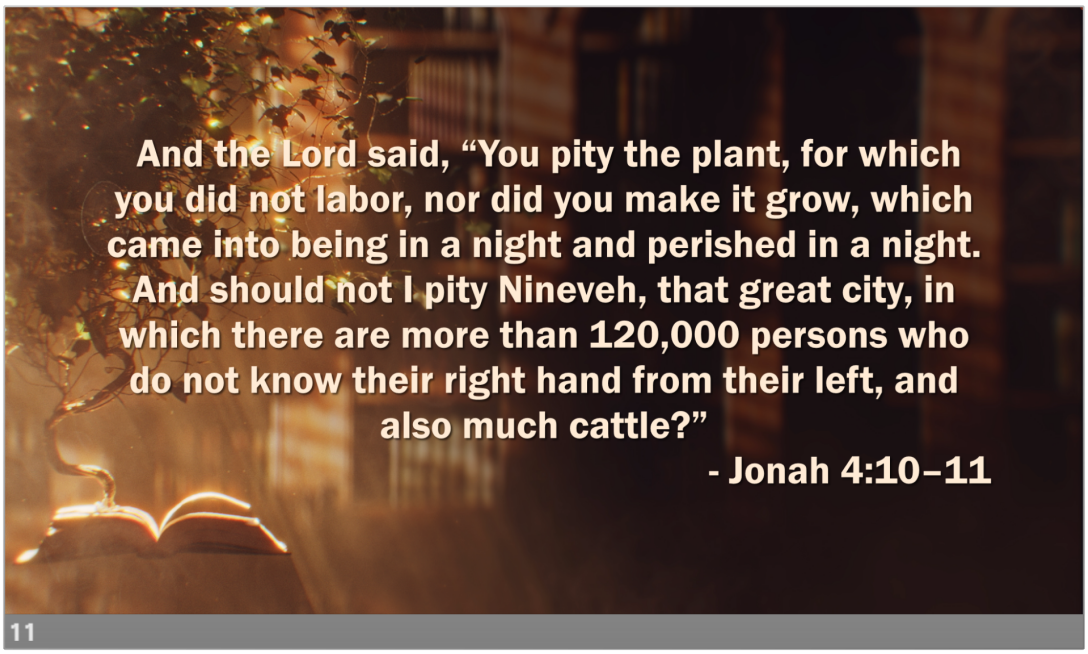

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
- Exodus 34:6
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God's Mercy Develops Our Perspective
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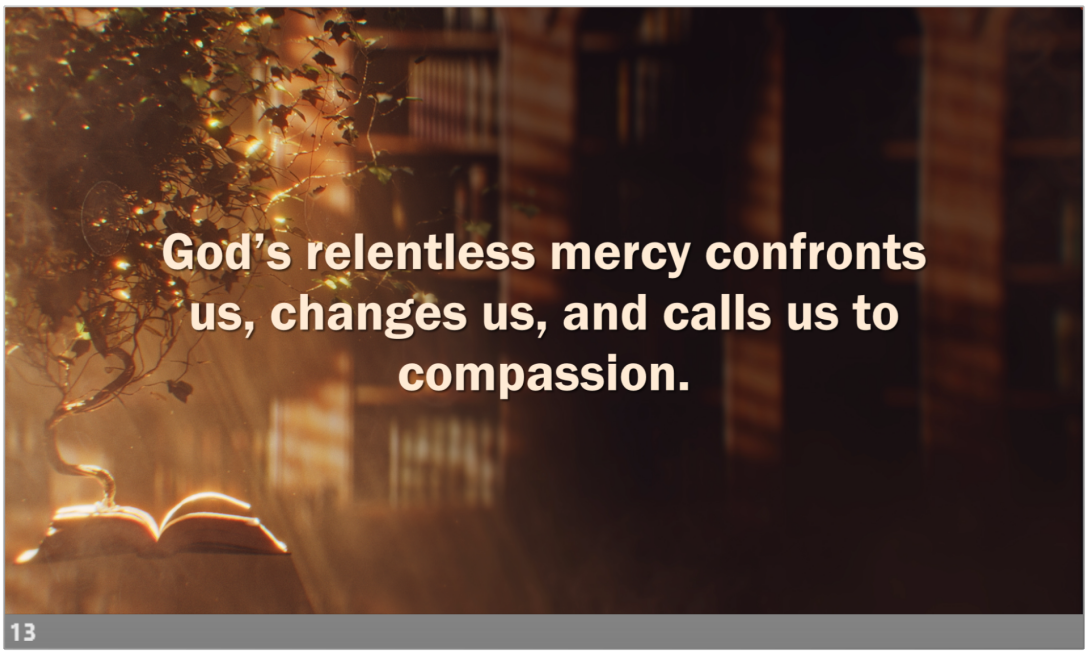

"Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah... When dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant..."
- Jonah 4:6–7
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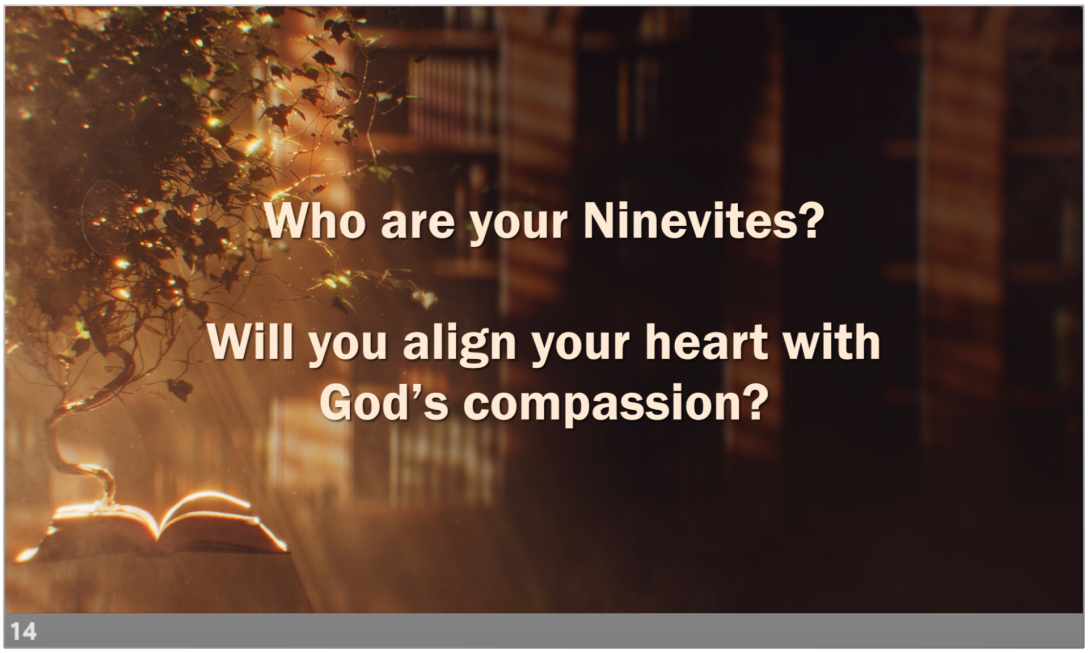

"But God said to Jonah, 'Do you do well to be angry for the plant?' And he said, 'Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.'"
- Jonah 4:9
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God's Mercy Invites Us to Embrace His Passion for People
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And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 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?”
- Jonah 4:10–11
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God’s relentless mercy confronts us, changes us, and calls us to compassion.
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Who are your Ninevites?
Will you align your heart with God's compassion?
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