

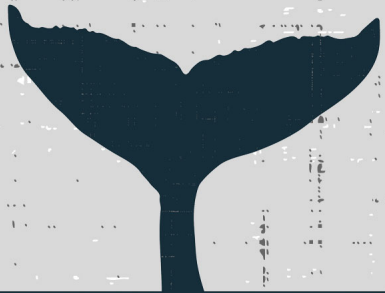


**THE STORY OF JONAH**

**AND GOD'S RELENTLESS GRACE**



***What does it look like to  
have a heart that is near  
to the heart of God?***





Spain

**TARSHISH**

Rome

Greece

**NINEVEH**

Assyria

**Gath-hepher**

Israel

**JOPPA**

Judah

Crete

Egypt

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.”

<sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> 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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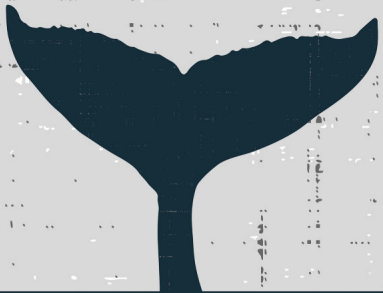


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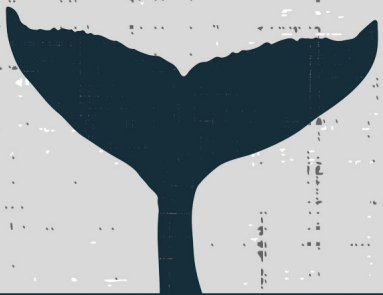
- 1. Nationality and Race**
- 2. Relationship with God**

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***Your heart must be rooted  
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***Where do you find ultimate  
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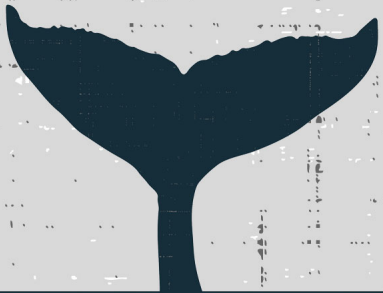
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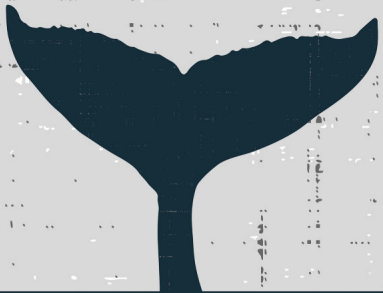
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***Your heart must be driven  
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***“Our loss, whether of money, time, or energy, is their gain. We decrease that they may increase. Yet in such love we are not diminished, but we become stronger, wiser, happier, and deeper. That’s the pattern of true love, not a so-called love that uses others to meet our needs for self-realization.”***

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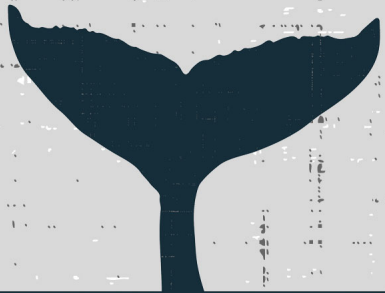
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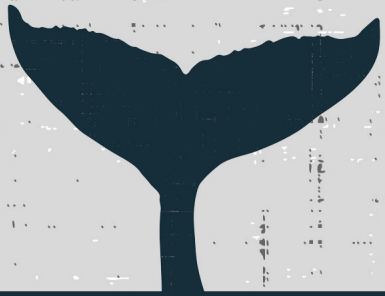


***“Jonah’s anti-missionary activity has ironically resulted in the conversion of non-Israelites.”***

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***Your heart must be driven  
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***God's heart is to  
bring far-away  
people back to him.***

