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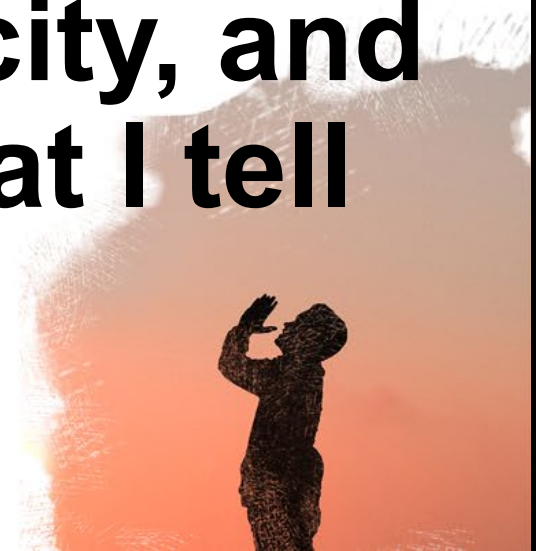
IN A CRISIS



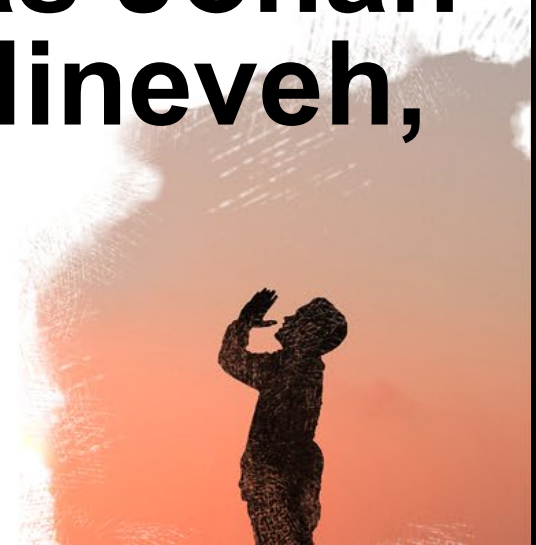
**God is Good –
Even in
Judgment
Jonah 3 - 4**

1. God is not a disinterested bystander to our crisis.

Jon. 3:1-2 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." (ESV)



Lk. 11:29-30 When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. (ESV)



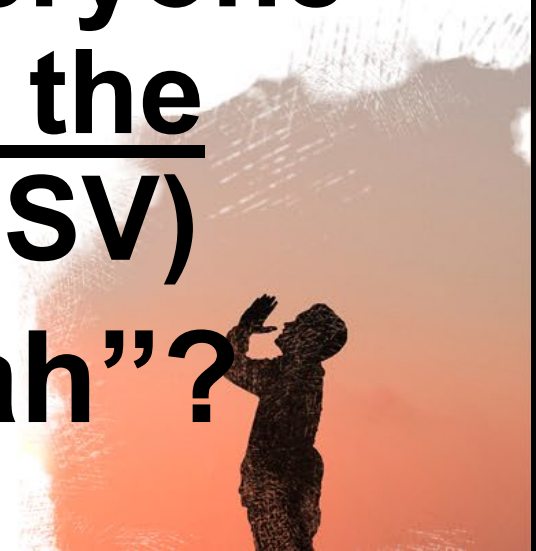
2. *Fear* is not repentance; but it can be the seed that brings us to a faith response.

Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.




3. God is good - even when his message does not *feel* good.

- **Jon. 3:8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. (ESV)**
- **What if covid-19 is our “Jonah”?**



4. When the people lead, the leaders follow.

Jon. 3:6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation ..., "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water,



5. Jonah fell – *again*. We are just like him.

Jonah 4:1 ... But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ... for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

- What God did for Nineveh, he will do for us.

How do we respond to a God like this?

1. **Believe God, like the Ninevites did.**
2. **He is good. He is merciful. He is in control. He is our deliverer. Jesus is the evidence.**
 - **Humble ourselves today and call upon Him.**
 - **Receive him today.**

