

# RUNNING FROM MERCY

## Jonah Introduction & 1:1-3

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### Jonah reveals God's MERCY...

- By mirroring our own REBELLIOUS hearts.
- By showing us that God gives mercy FREELY and SOVEREIGNLY.
- By inviting us to personal CONVERSION.
- By pointing us to JESUS.



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## further up, further in

1. What do you think really happened with Jonah and the fish? Any ideas on how God did this?
2. Read Jonah 1:1-3. Just at the outset here, how do we already see a focus on God's mercy? What other themes does Jonah have?
3. How is mercy different from grace? Can you have one without the other? See Psalm 103:8-10, Titus 3:5-7, Romans 11:6
4. Why do you think Jonah "flees from the presence of the Lord"? See Gen 3:6-8, Jer 23:24, Ps 139:7-12, Ps 32:3-5.
5. How do we flee from the presence of the Lord in our lives?
6. How is God's mercy faster than Jonah's disobedience? How have you seen God protect you from disobedience?
7. Compare Jonah 1 and Jonah 3 (see below). What parallels do you see? What does this tell us about what Jonah went through?
8. In what ways does Jonah point us to Jesus? See Matt 12:39-41, Mark 8:23-37? How are you encouraged by this study?

### SCENE 1

#### *Jonah, the pagans, and the sea*

#### JONAH AND GOD'S WORD

1:1 God's Word comes to Jonah  
1:2 The message to be conveyed  
1:3 The response of Jonah

#### JONAH AND GOD'S WORLD

1:4 The word of warning  
1:5 The response of the pagans  
1:6 The response of the pagan leader  
1:7ff How the pagans' response was ultimately better than Jonah's

#### JONAH AND GOD'S MERCY

2:1–10 How God taught mercy/grace to Jonah through the fish

### SCENE 2

#### *Jonah, the pagans, and the city*

3:1 God's Word comes to Jonah  
3:2 The message to be conveyed  
3:3 The response of Jonah

3:4 The word of warning  
3:5 The response of the pagans  
3:6 The response of the pagan leader  
3:7ff How the pagans' response was ultimately better than Jonah's

4:1–10 How God taught mercy/grace to Jonah through the plant

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle