



A WHALE OF A TALE

God's Call to Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3 (NASB): ¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me." ³ But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Israel's Lament in Captivity

Psalm 137:1-6 (NASB): ¹ By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down and wept,
When we remembered Zion.
² Upon the willows in the midst of it
We hung our harps.
³ For there our captors demanded of us songs,
And our tormentors mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
⁴ How can we sing the LORD's song
In a foreign land?
⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
May my right hand forget *her skill*.
⁶ May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
If I do not remember you,
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.

Jonah represents _____ in this story!

I. **Jonah teaches that we can _____ but we can't _____!**

- A. Jonah did what _____ of us do when God calls!
- B. Jonah learned that there are _____ to running from God!
- C. Jonah was willing to _____ for others.

II. Jonah teaches us that _____ people are _____ people!

- A. When you get to _____ people they aren't strangers anymore!
- B. The belly of the "whale" out of _____!

III. Jonah teaches us that _____ call, though not _____ easy is _____!

- A. The pagan Assyrian King did what Israel would not do, he _____!
- B. Jonah's story tells us a lot about the _____ of God!

God _____ all of us!