



The Runaway Prophet

Jonah 1

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“Jonah and the Whale” by Carlo Antonio Tavella, 1700.

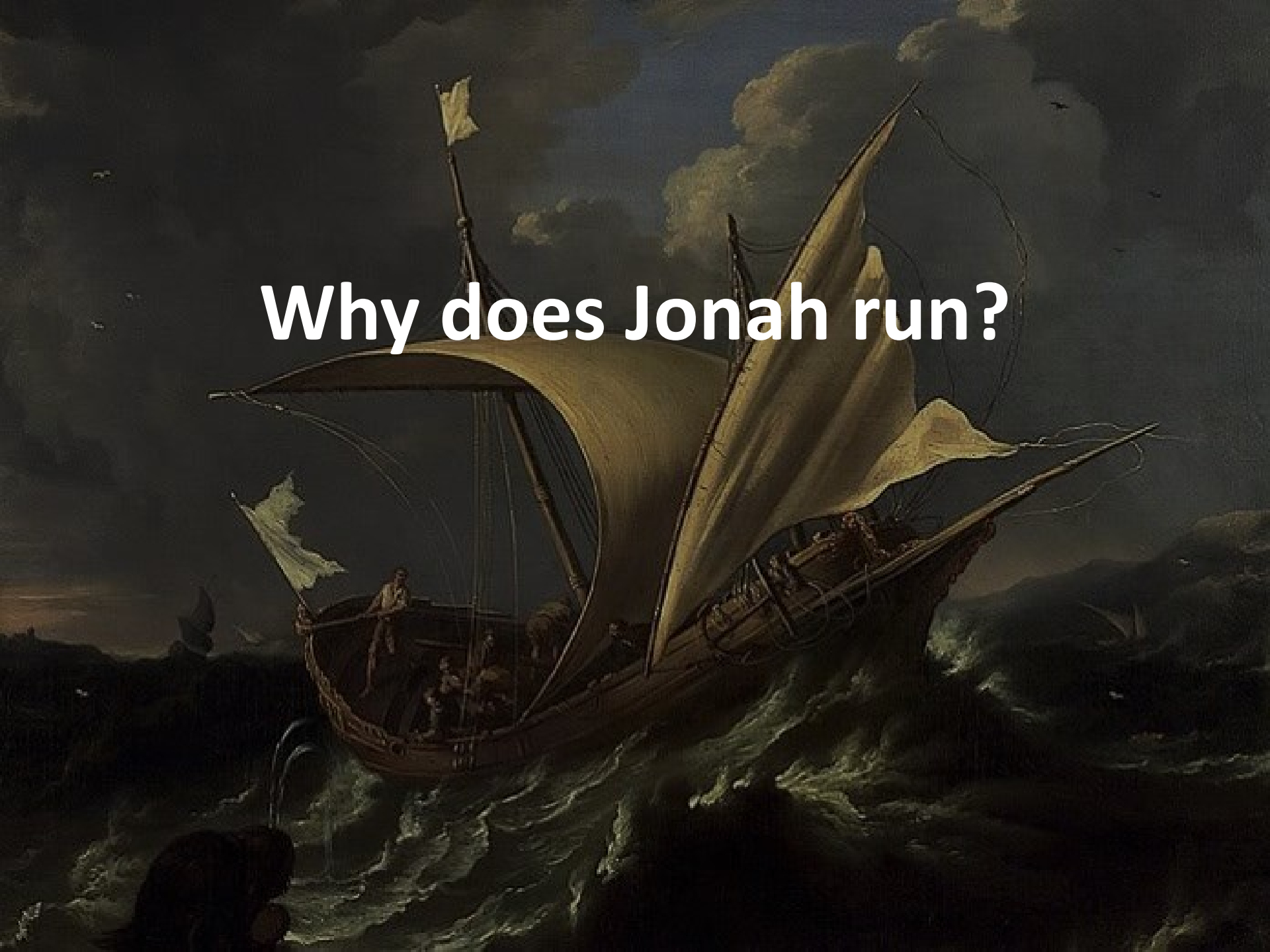
Jonah 1:2-3



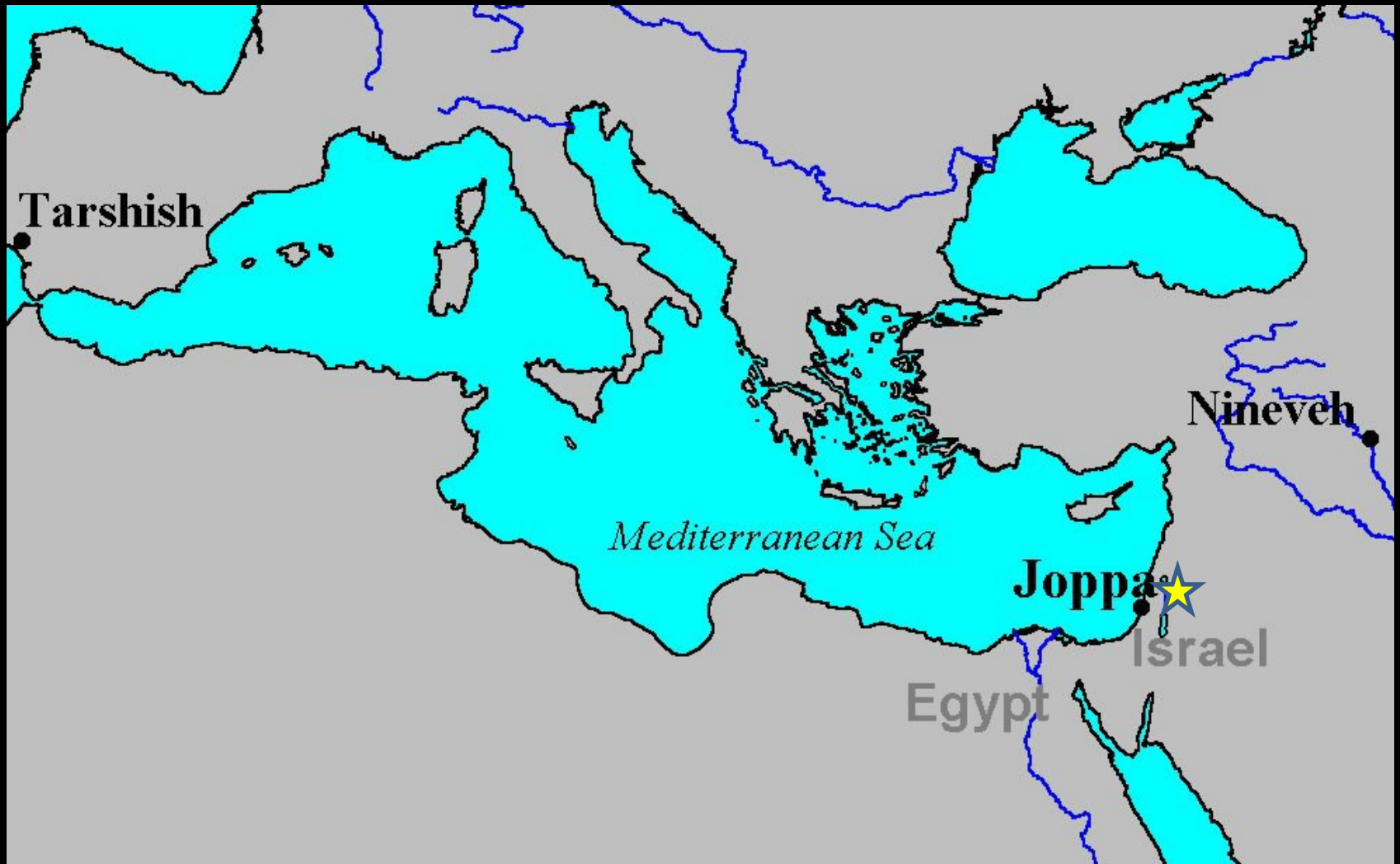
“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Why does Jonah run?



Shortcut to Tashish



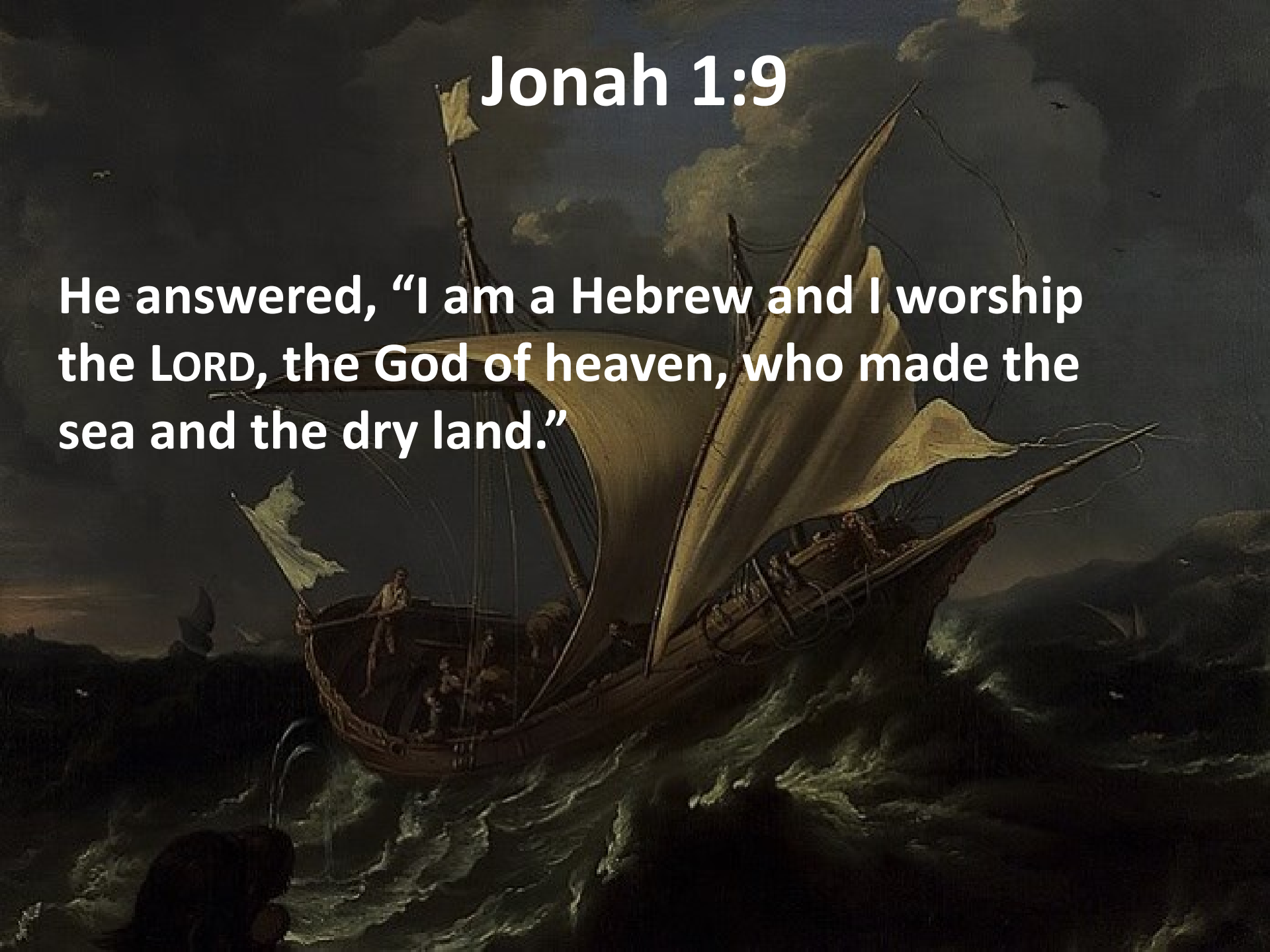
Jonah 1:6



The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”

Jonah 1:9

He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”



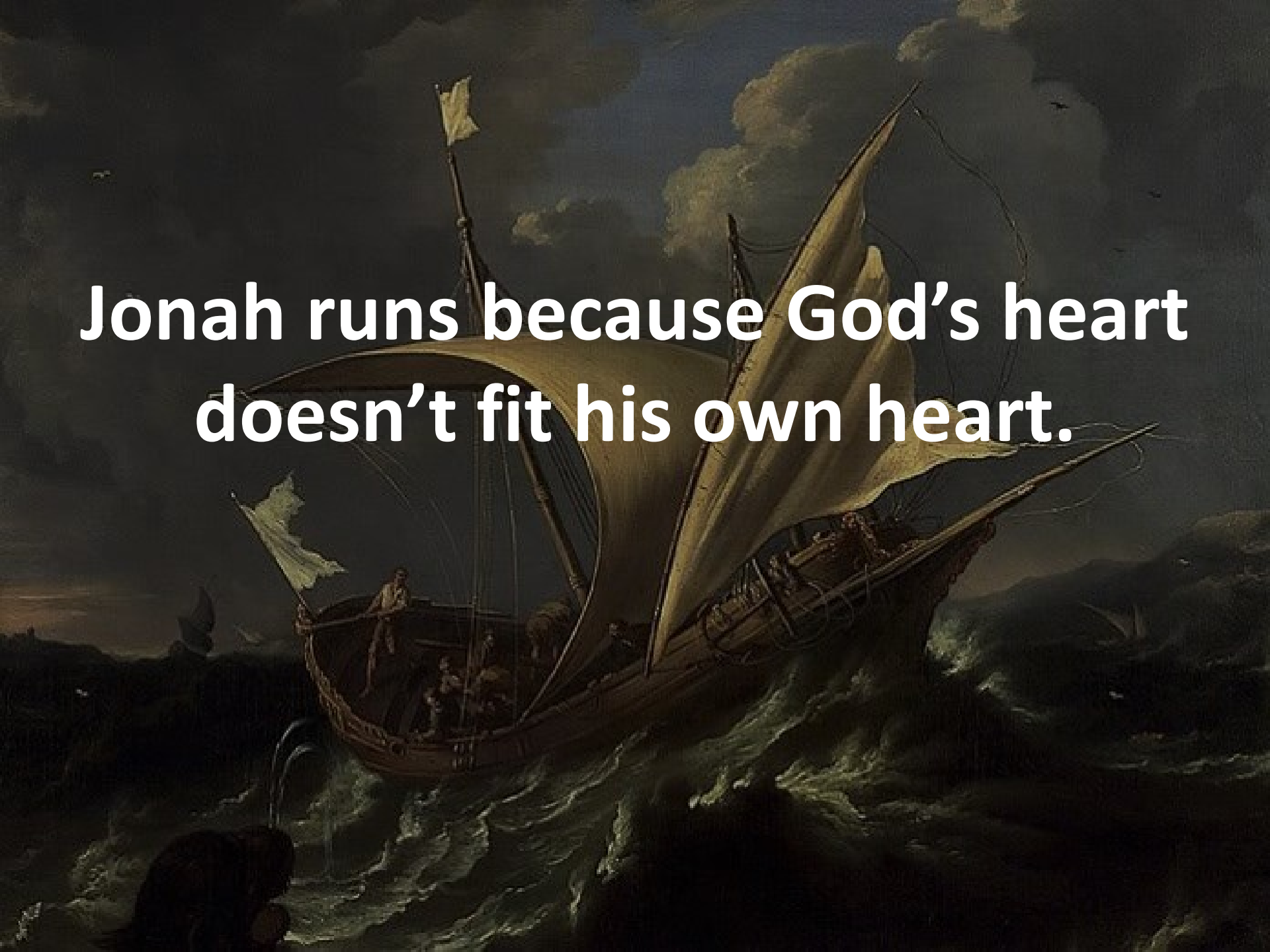


The key to understanding why Jonah runs is to figure out how he feels about Nineveh.

Jonah 4:2

A dramatic painting of a wooden sailing ship with yellow sails on a dark, stormy sea under a cloudy sky. The ship is tilted, suggesting it is caught in a storm. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the waves. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, and the overall atmosphere is one of peril and divine judgment.

“O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”

A dramatic painting of a stormy sea. The scene is dark and moody, with a large, multi-masted sailing ship's mast and sails visible against a dark, cloudy sky. The sea is turbulent, with white-capped waves crashing. In the foreground, a dark, rocky outcrop is visible. The overall atmosphere is one of intense drama and conflict.

**Jonah runs because God's heart
doesn't fit his own heart.**



**Who are *your* Ninevites?
Where is *your* Nineveh?**