

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai . . . Jonah 1:1

- Amattai means "\_\_\_\_\_."
- **1.** God often asks you to do things you don't \_\_\_\_\_\_ to do. v. 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."
- 2. You can always find a boat sailing in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ direction. v. 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

- **3.** God may send a storm to get your \_\_\_\_\_. 1:4 17Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. Jonah 1:4
  - Your disobedience will cost \_\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup> All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ...<sup>8</sup> So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" ...<sup>9</sup> He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup> This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) Jonah 1:5, 8-10

## • What are you hiding in your life, that if exposed people would say, "What were you \_\_\_\_\_?"

<sup>11</sup> The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" <sup>12</sup> "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you." Jonah 1:11-12

• Most people turn to God \_\_\_\_\_\_ they have been thrown overboard.

<sup>15</sup> Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. <sup>16</sup> At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. Jonah 1:15-16

• God often has an \_\_\_\_\_ way out for you.

<sup>17</sup> Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 1:17

**Next Steps:** Connecting People to the Life-Changing Love of Christ

- Start the four week daily Jonah devotional tomorrow.
  (Available at ovbc.net/jonah or at the Welcome Center.)
- □ Ask God to show you three people in your life that need for you to tell them about Jesus.
- □ Pick up the Easter@Home guide at the Welcome Center.

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