

# RUNAWAY

*A grown-up story about childish ways*

## Storms

BRING A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES.

### OPPORTUNITY #1

*To repent*

*Jonah 1:4-16*

### *Repentance* IS NOT: Ignoring the Situation

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.

*Jonah 1:5*

### Mere Admittance

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.)

<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 1:9-12*

### *Repentance* IS:

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

*Acts 3:19*

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

*Acts 26:20b*

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

*2 Corinthians 7:10*

Godly sorrow

*which leads to*

**a change in direction or life-change.**

### OPPORTUNITY #2

*To trust*

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat.

But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup>The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" <sup>26</sup>He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. <sup>27</sup>The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

*Matthew 8:23-27*

### OPPORTUNITY #3

*To be stretched/enlarged/to experience Christ in a new way*

*Matthew 14:22-33*

### OPPORTUNITY #4

*To lead*

*Acts 27*

## *Next Steps*

*Is God, in His kindness, giving me an opportunity to repent?*

*Is God giving me other opportunities in the midst of my current storm?*