

# Who Am I?

## Man Overboard Series – Part 2

Scripture text – Jonah 1:4-17

### Introduction

- Christians have long debated whether the story of Jonah is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- We believe in a God who is capable of manipulating \_\_\_\_\_ things in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
- \_\_\_\_\_ believed the events were \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jonah on Board

- Through the events on the ship, God is “bringing Jonah along” with regard to God’s willingness to be \_\_\_\_\_ toward even the worst of sinners.
- Like the Ninevites, the sailors were \_\_\_\_\_, but less \_\_\_\_\_.
- We need to marvel at the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### Peppering with Questions

- The questions were all \_\_\_\_\_-related. From this, the sailors would be able to identify Jonah’s \_\_\_\_\_ and maybe figure out how to \_\_\_\_\_ him (it) before they all die.
- It is clear from whom Jonah derives his \_\_\_\_\_: he was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Yahweh!

### Finding Your Identity

- In previous generations, a person’s identity was mostly shaped by their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of origin and by their prescribed or expected \_\_\_\_\_ within the family or community.

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- This traditional approach has changed to what social scientists call \_\_\_\_\_ . We are taught to look \_\_\_\_\_ , find our \_\_\_\_\_ self and \_\_\_\_\_ that no matter what others need or think.
- The traditional approach could be \_\_\_\_\_ , while the new approach is often \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ .
- We always require outside \_\_\_\_\_ . In other words, there must be someone \_\_\_\_\_ esteem to esteem \_\_\_\_\_ and consider us of great \_\_\_\_\_ . That validation can be very \_\_\_\_\_ .

### A 3<sup>rd</sup> Approach

- Inside of looking outward or inward, we can look \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Through Christ, God's love & acceptance is \_\_\_\_\_ . It is based on \_\_\_\_\_ merits, not yours.
- Think on this: the One you \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_ you (and always will).
- This leads to a new \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Types & Shadows

- Throughout history, Christians have understood \_\_\_\_\_ to be a "type & shadow" of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- What Jonah did \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ , Christ does \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ .
- By his death, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the raging sea, which is a metaphor for God's \_\_\_\_\_ over sin.
- To deny God's wrath robs us of a fuller view of God's \_\_\_\_\_ . It also diminishes our love & praise of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Christ's invitation:

*"Arise, clasp my hand, and come  
I am He whom thou \_\_\_\_\_ !"*\*

\*From *The Hound of Heaven* by Francis Thompson (1859-1907)