

JONAH

Reluctant Prophet. Relentless God.



Pastor Henry



**Pastor Henry and
Pastor Josh Moody**





**Pastor
Steve's
sobering
moment with
a Whale
Shark.**

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Jonah 1:1-17

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Jonah 1:1-17

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.

Jonah 1:1-17

Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. 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.

Jonah 1:1-17

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. 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 1:1-17

Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. 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?”

Jonah 1:1-17

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

Jonah 1:1-17

“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.” Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before.

Jonah 1:1-17

Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.”

Jonah 1:1-17

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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THE RELUCTANT PROPHET



2 Kings 14:23-25

Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

2 Kings 14:23-25

He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.

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LYDIA

MESHECH

URARTU

CASPIAN SEA

ASSYRIA

 NINEVEH

MEDIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SYRIA

TIGRIS RIVER

ISRAEL

JUDAH

ELAM

EGYPT

EUPHRATES RIVER

ARABIA

Assyrian Empire 7-8th Century's BC



RED SEA

PERSIAN GULF





**Assyrian attack on
Judah's fortified city of
Lachish found in Nineveh.**

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Jonah Going Down

1:3 “went down to Joppa”

“went down into it” [the ship]

1:5 “gone down into inner part of ship”

“lain down”

fell “fast asleep”

1:7 The sailors “cast [down] lots”

“the lot fell [down] on Jonah”

1:15 The sailors “hurled him [down] into the sea”

2:3 “you cast me into the deep” [*on the surface of the water*]

2:5a “waters closed [down] over me [*in midst of the sea*]

2:5d “at the roots of the mountains” [*the sea bottom*]

2:6 “down to land whose bars closed upon me forever” “the pit”



[Jonah is in “*Sheol*,” the lowest point he could possibly go]

Running from God can be active or passive.

Jonah 1:3

But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

Different ways to Run

FRANCE

ITALY

SPAIN

Tarshish

TURKEY

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Mediterranean Sea

THE FLIGHT

THE MISSION

ISRAEL

BABYLONIA

Gath-hepher

Jerusalem

JUDAH

EGYPT

Joppa

Go to Tarshish



Stay in Jerusalem



Go to Nineveh and not preach



Running from God can be active or passive.

Jonah 1:3

But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

Running from God can be active or passive.

Running reveals God's love of runners.

Jonah 1:9,12

“I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ... “I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”





Moses



Moses
Balaam



Moses
Balaam
Elijah



Moses
Balaam
Elijah
Peter



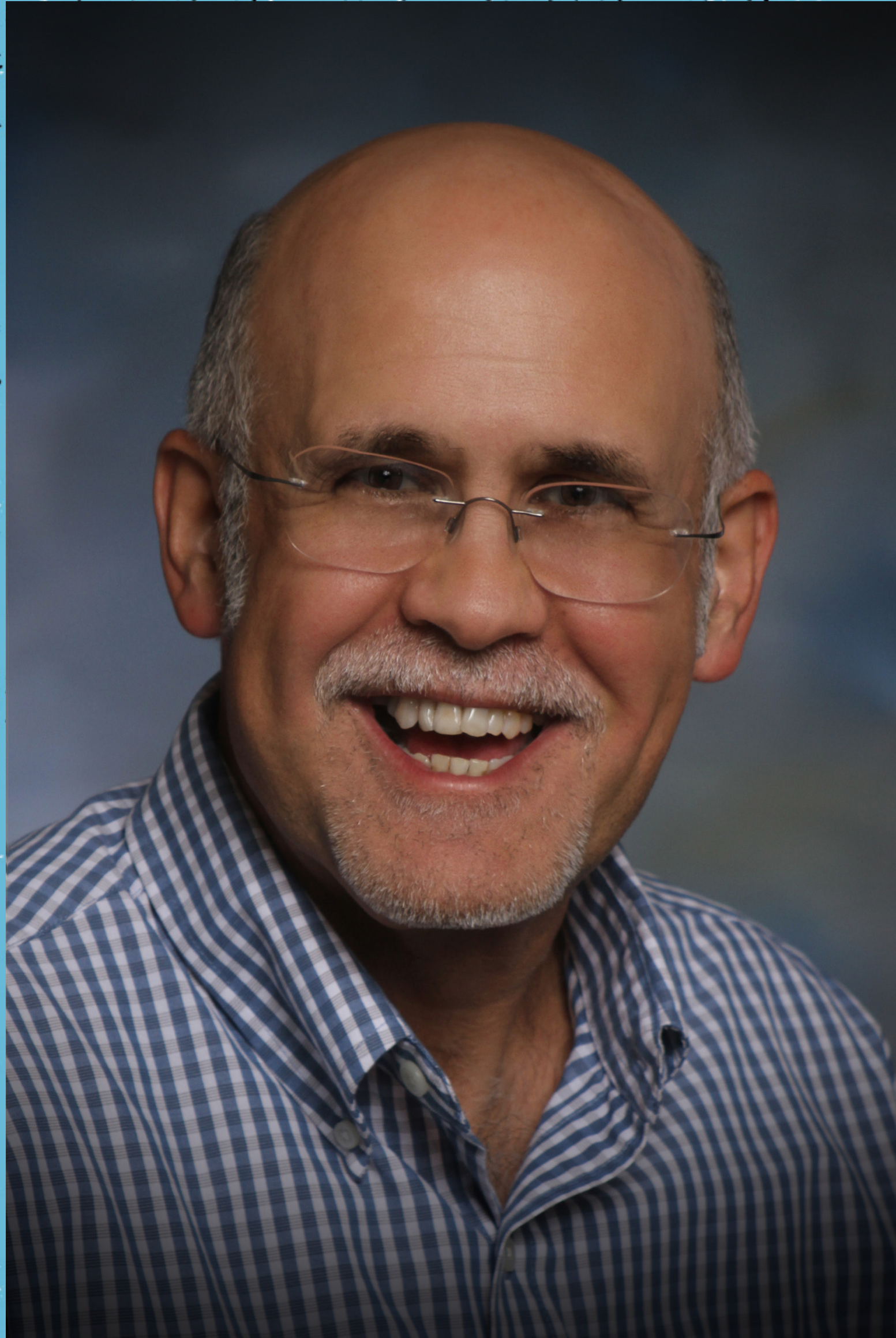
Moses
Balaam
Elijah
Peter
Paul

Running from God can be active or passive.

Running reveals God's love of runners.

**Instead of finding a new prophet he seeks
Jonah – Why?**

Manny Mill



Manny Mill's video

Running from God can be active or passive.

Running reveals God's love of runners.

Running reveals God's passion for His mission

Jonah 1:17

**Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow
Jonah.**



JESUS

The Relentless Savior



THE CROSS

TARSHISH

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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