



# New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ July 23, 2023

## “Grace for All”

Jonah week 1

➤ Our Natural Response to \_\_\_\_\_ ; is to \_\_\_\_\_

*“The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”*

*<sup>3</sup> 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 1:1-3

➤ Sometimes, God will \_\_\_\_\_ you to do \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Expressing \_\_\_\_\_, may be \_\_\_\_\_

*“So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What 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 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 1:8-10

➤ Are you willing To Offer \_\_\_\_\_?

- What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?

*“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.”*

*<sup>13</sup> Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. <sup>14</sup> Then they cried to the LORD, “O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased.” <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. <sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.”*

Jonah 1:11-15

Who will you be like?

➤ Will You

➤ Run away from \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_,

Or

➤ Will You \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ ...like \_\_\_\_\_?

### Questions to Ponder:

*use these with your family, Life Group, with friends or in prayer*

1. Why is fear such a strong emotion? What is your normal response to fear?
2. What makes sharing a message from God with someone so hard? What things do you find difficult to talk to others about?
3. In what ways have you experienced God’s grace in your life?
4. What example does Jesus’s life give us for how we should treat people around us?
5. What is one way you can share God’s love with someone this week that you might otherwise avoid?