

# Embracing the Other

## JONAH FOR GROWN-UPS

*Jonah 1:7-10 (NIV) 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. <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.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ are you?

*1 Corinthians 1:30 (NLT) Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."*

*Genesis 1:27 (NLT) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

\_\_\_\_\_ are you?

*Galatians 3:26 (NLT) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.*

Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ Identity

Results of this identity

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to real self
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for people who are \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 5:47 If you are kind only to your friends,[a] how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.*

Jonah 1:11 (NIV) *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 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."<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> Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

## Pattern of \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 12:41 (NLT) *"The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.*

Mark 10:45 (NLT) *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

## Who is \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 34:6 (NIV) *And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness*

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*