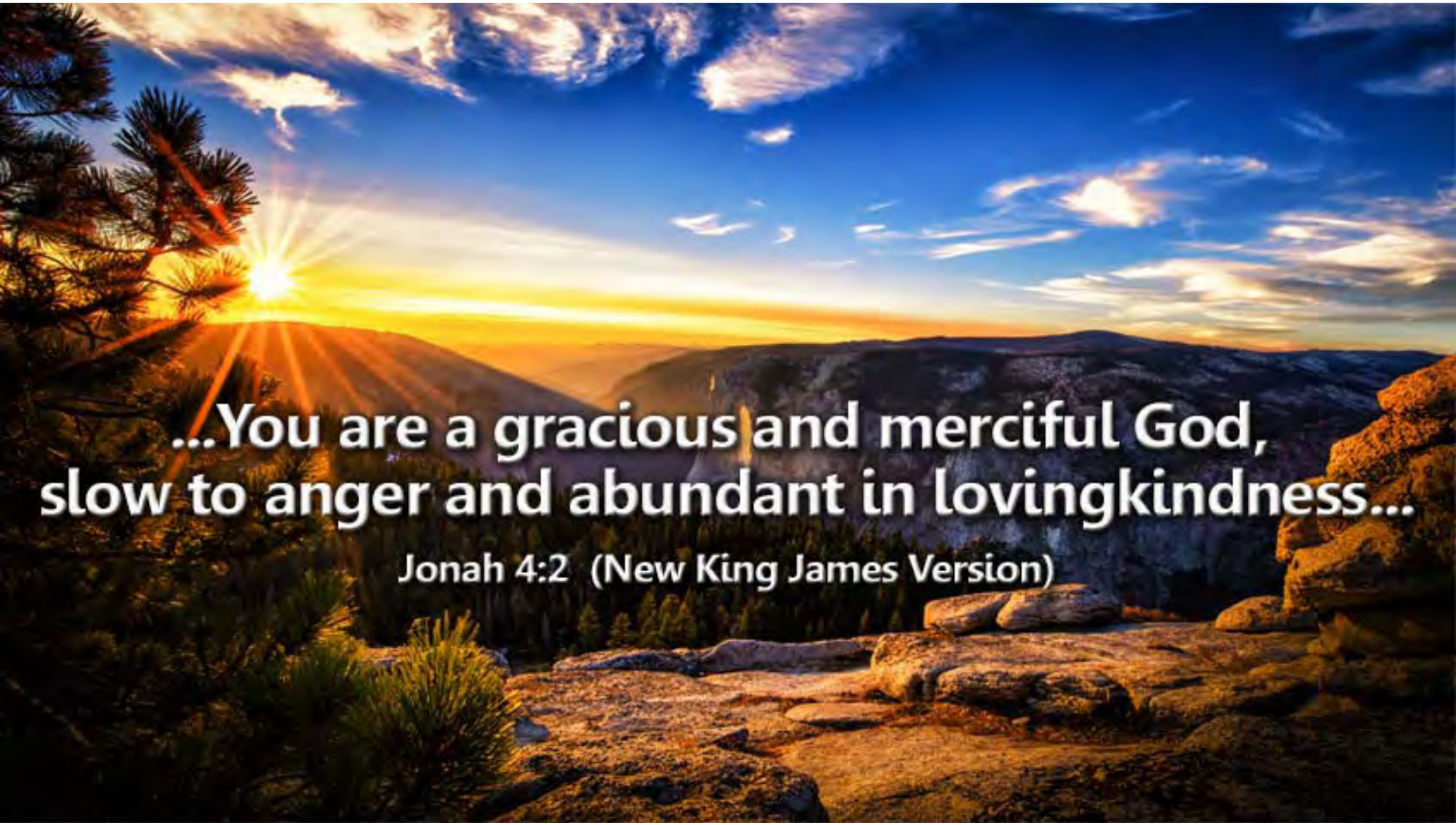
...You are a gracious and merciful God,
slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness...
Jonah 4:2 (New King James Version)

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Problems of the Heart

1st Problem & God's Answer

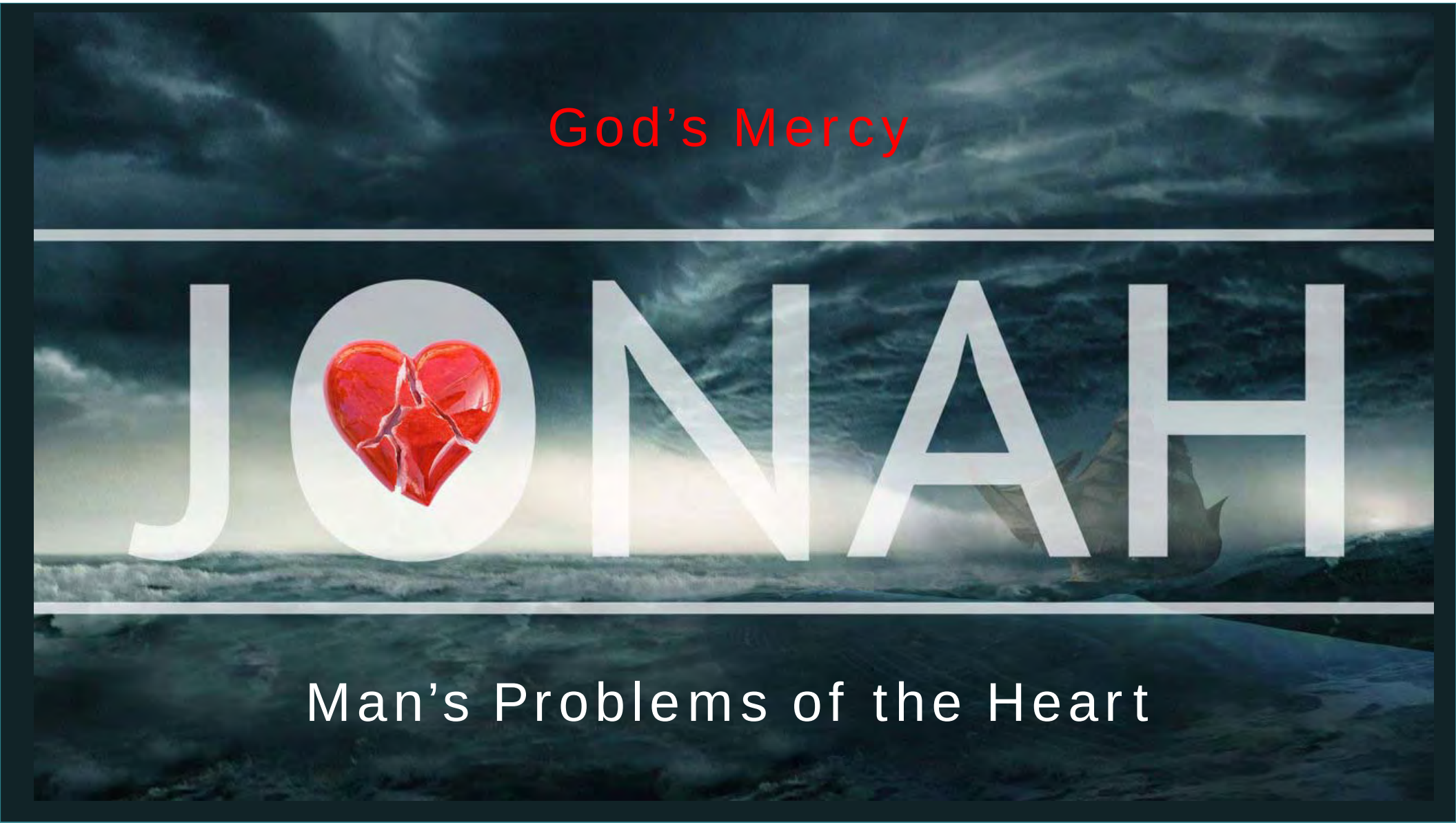
"I WILL NOT"

Chapters 1 & 2

2nd Problem & God's Answer

"I Do Not Like What You Do"

Chapters 3 & 4


God's Mercy
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Man's Problems of the Heart

The Rebellion 1:3

From the presence of the LORD

Chapter 1 – The Runaway because of Rebellion

The Mercy of God

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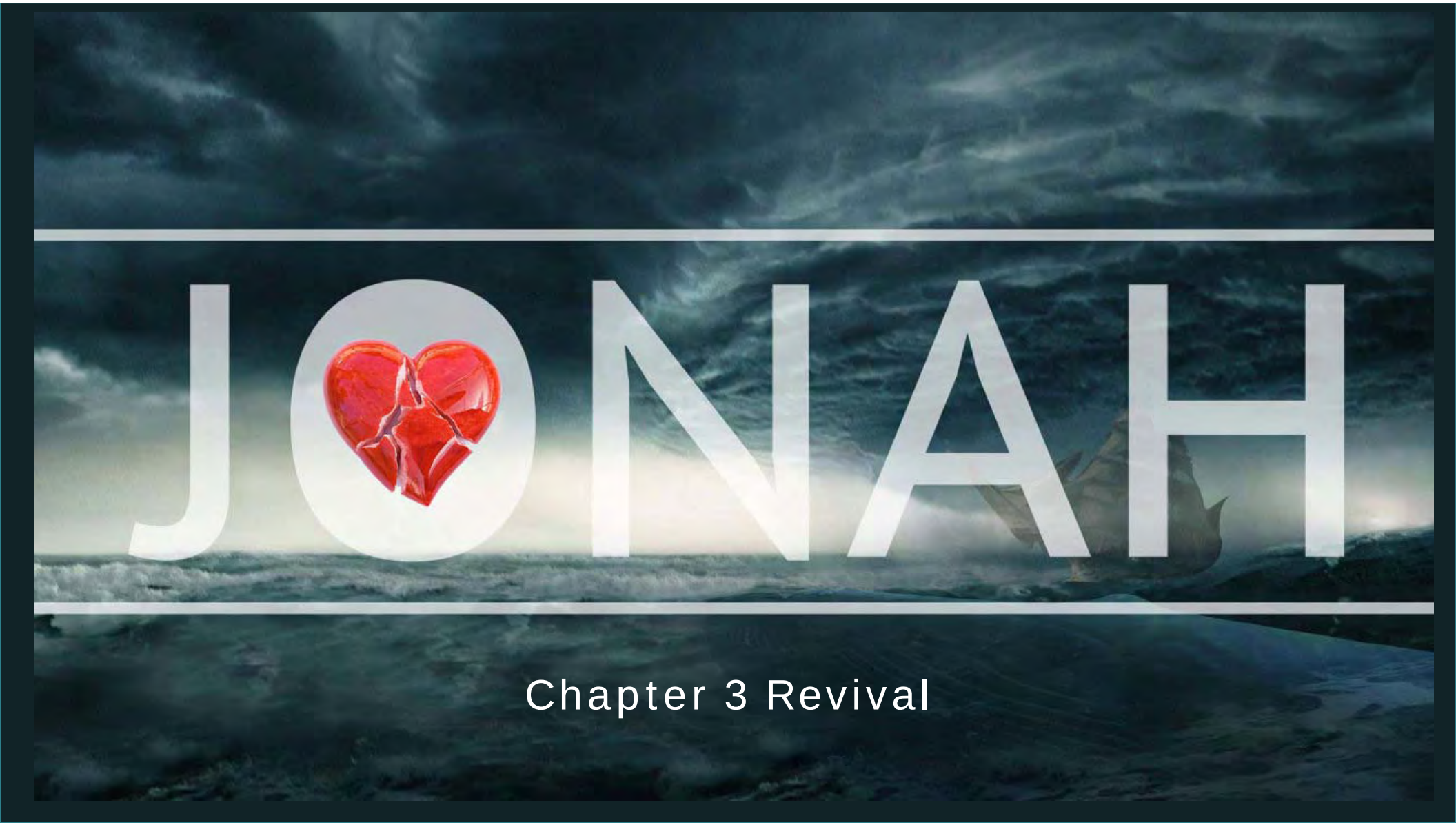
Chapter 2 – Repentance – The Way Back

The Mercy of God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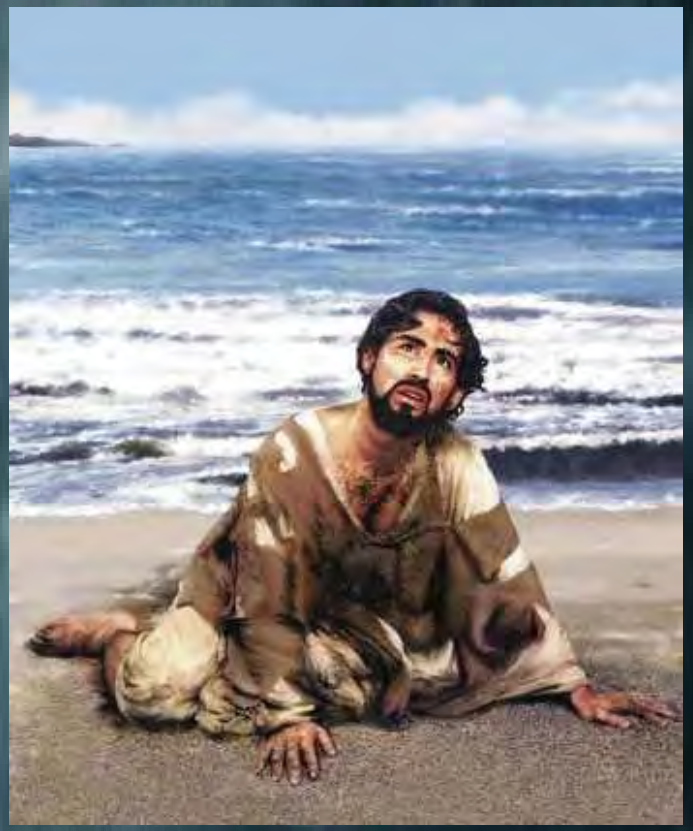
Chapter 3 Revival

The Lord is a God of Mercy

A Second Commission

He gives people here another opportunity to do His will.



The Lord is a God of Mercy

Pardons the people of Nineveh

Believed God

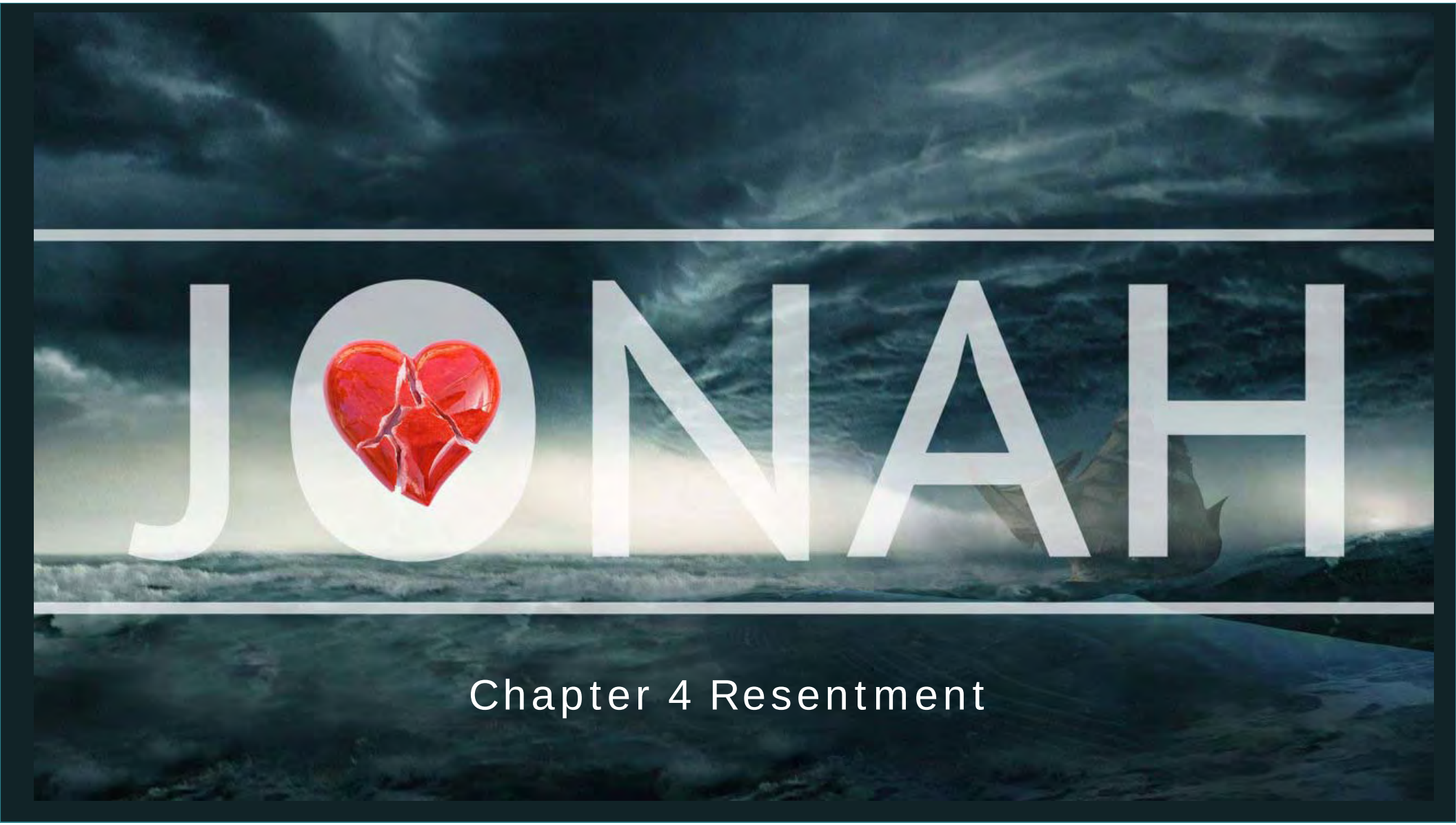
Faith in God's Word

Proclaimed a fast

Repentance

Put on sackcloth

Form of a slave – a slave to God not self sufficient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Chapter 4 Resentment

Jonah is Angry with Outcome

Jonah 4:1

- People repented
- Jonah wanted them to be destroyed
- Displeased with God about the outcome

Samuel was displease by Saul's Rejection as King

David was displease by Uzziah's death at the Ark

In anger Jonah tried to justify himself

1. Tried to justify his previous disobedience

Jonah 4:2

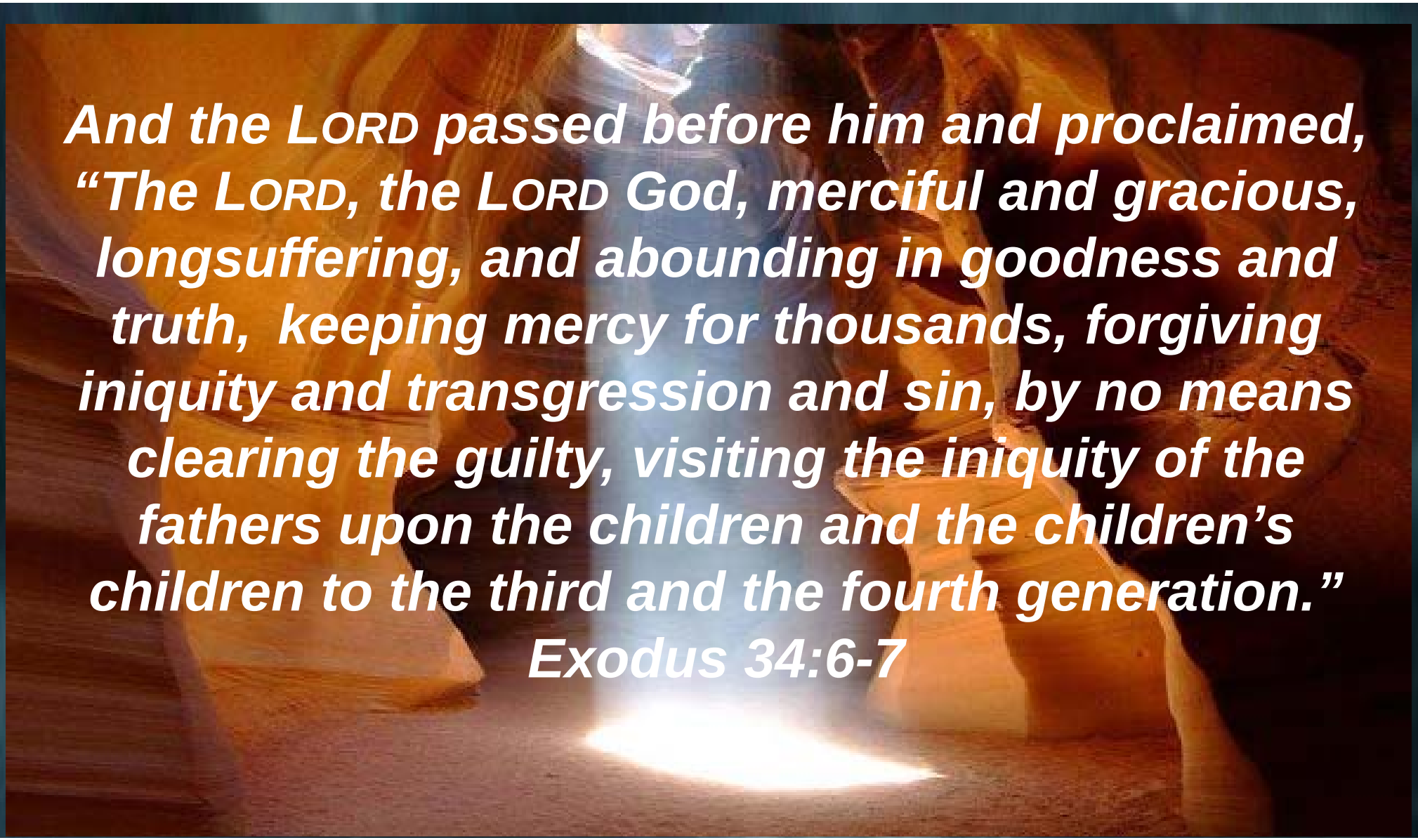
When things do not turn out as we wish,

people often seek to justify our disobedience

In anger Jonah tried to justify himself

2. Tried use God's word against Him

Jonah 4:2


And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed,
"The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious,
longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and
truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means
clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the
fathers upon the children and the children's
children to the third and the fourth generation."
Exodus 34:6-7

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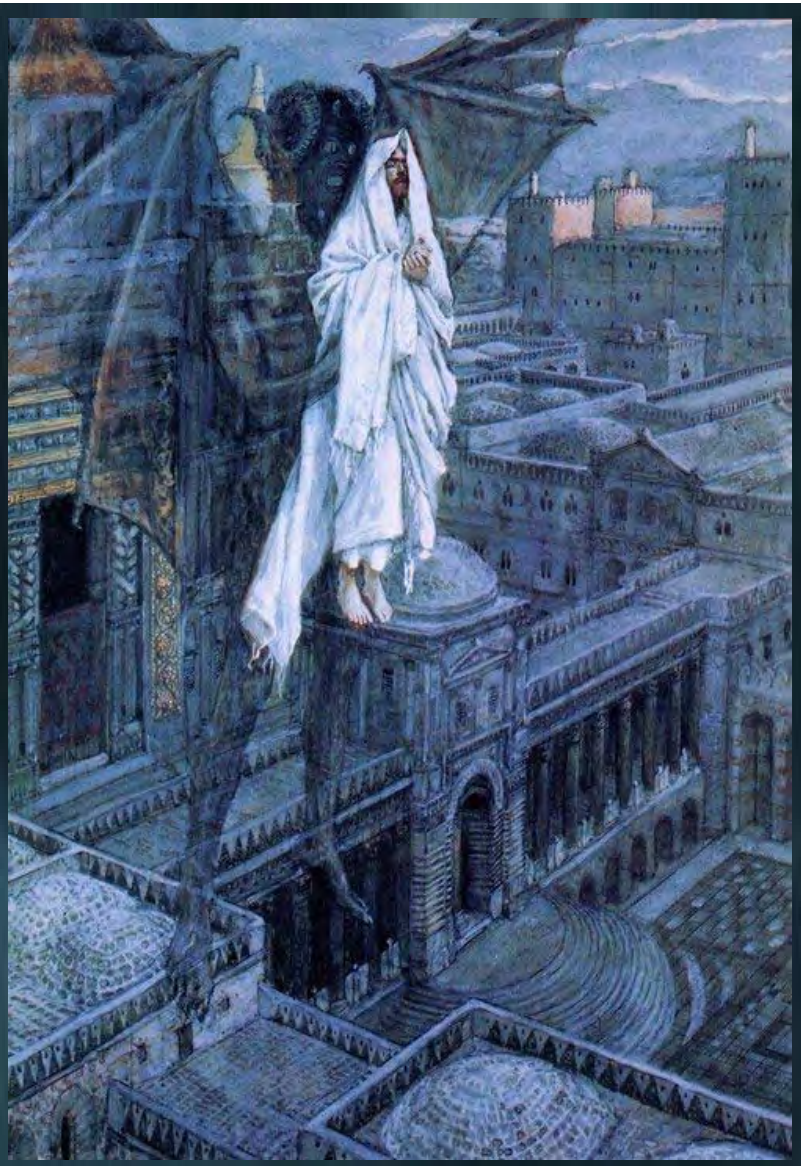
Jonah 4:2

If we look for verses that justify our behavior against the will of God or our superiority over others we are in danger.



Satan used the words of Scripture to tempt Jesus

Matthew 4:5
using Psalm 91:11-12

In anger Jonah tried to justify himself

3. Tried to seek God's pity over his situation

Jonah 4:3

…take my life from me,

for it is better for me to die than to live!

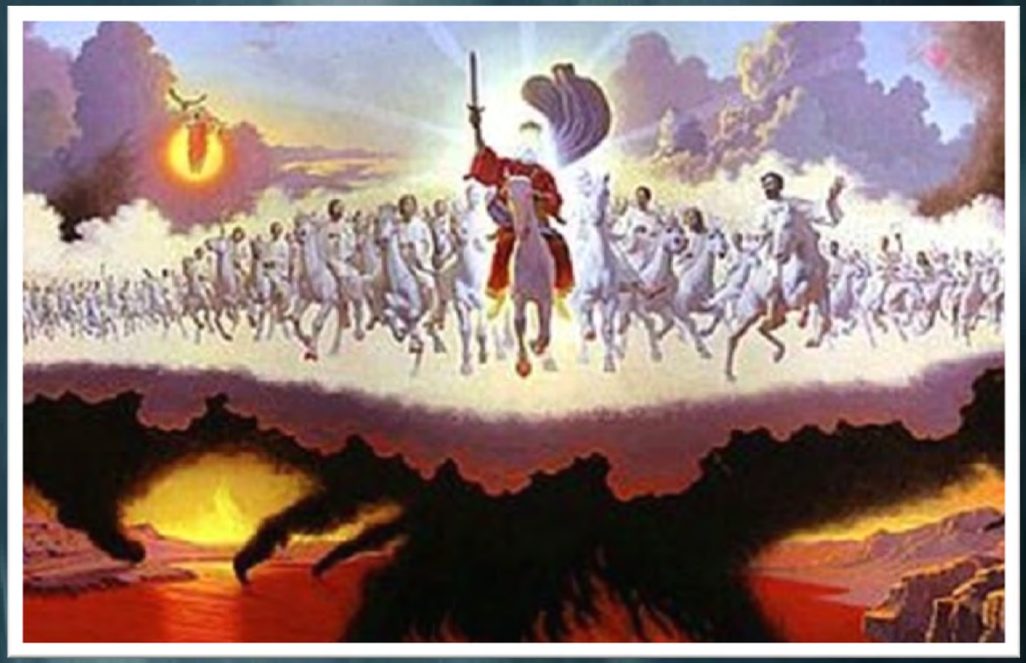
What was Jonah's Problem? Why was he not happy?

He had not come in line with the will of God.

He had forgotten about God's mercy.

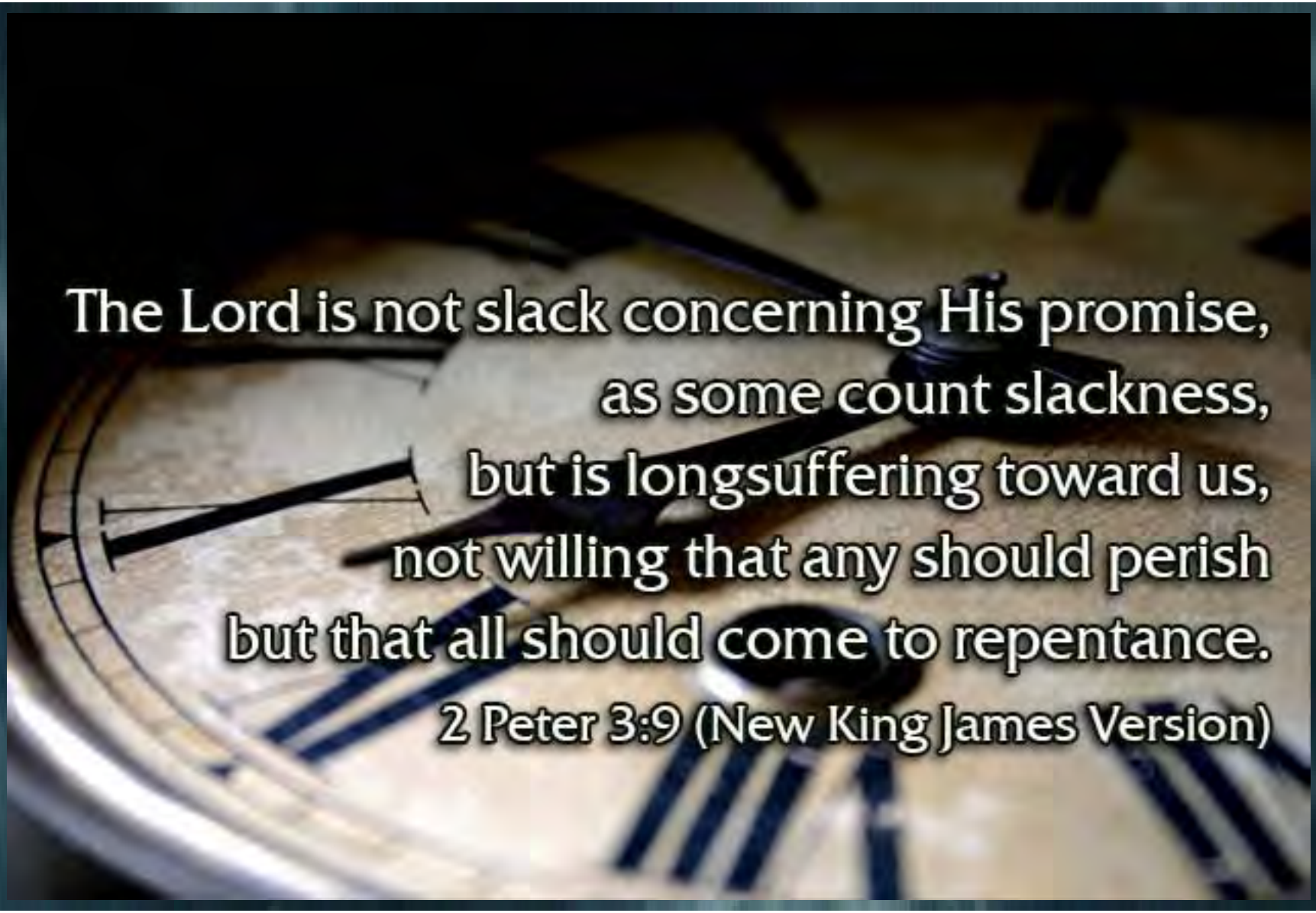
He did not know God as well as the thought.

Many believers are upset with the world situation and want God to bring the end of this age



Why Has The End Not Come Yet?

2 Peter 3:9


The Lord is not slack concerning His promise,
as some count slackness,
but is longsuffering toward us,
not willing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
2 Peter 3:9 (New King James Version)

Jonah was not happy?

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Luke 15:29-32

Like the prodigal son's older brother

So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

Like the prodigal son's older brother

But as soon as this son of yours came,

who has devoured your livelihood with harlots,

you killed the fatted calf for him.

Luke 15:29-32

Luke 15:29-32

Like the prodigal son's older brother

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

Like the prodigal son's older brother

Luke 15:29-32

He had not come in line with the will of the Father.

He had forgotten about the Father's character.

He did not love the Father -worked for gain.

God speaks to him in Questions

Jonah 4:4

Is it right for you to be angry?

When God Asks Questions

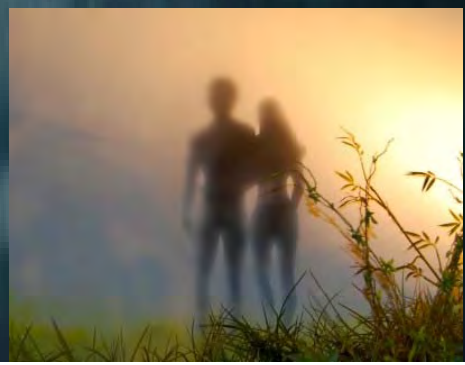
Is it so we can learn something?

When God Asks Questions

To Adam and Eve:

- Where are you?
- Who told you that you were naked?
- Have you eaten from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?
- What is this you have done?

Genesis 3



When God Asks Questions

To Cain after the murder of Abel

Genesis 4

- Where is your brother Abel?
- What have you done?

When God Asks Questions

To David after his affair and murder

2 Samuel 12

Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?

When God Asks Questions

To Isaiah after he saw the Lord in the Temple

Isaiah 6

Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?

When God Asks Questions

To Judas in the garden

Luke 22:48

Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

God speaks to him in Questions

Jonah 4:4

Is it right for you to be angry?

Two Views of Revival in Nineveh

Jonah's View	God's View
I do not like it.	*It is wonderful.*

Is it **right for you to be angry?**

Result of Jonah's thinking

Jonah 4:5

He quit ministering in Nineveh

He built a shelter isolated, outside the city

He became a spectator

God Addresses Jonah's Problem

Jonah 4:6

the LORD God prepared a plant

Jonah was finally happy

God Addresses Jonah's Problem

God prepared a worm, and it *so*

damaged the plant that it withered.

Jonah 4:7

Then he wished death for himself, and said,
"*It is* better for me to die than to live."

Jonah 4:8

God asks him a Question

Jonah 4:9

***Is it* right for you to be angry about the plant?**

It is right for me to be angry, even to death!

The extent of compassion

Jonah's View	God's View
The plant.	*The Great City* *Many young* *Much cattle*

Selfish or Mercy

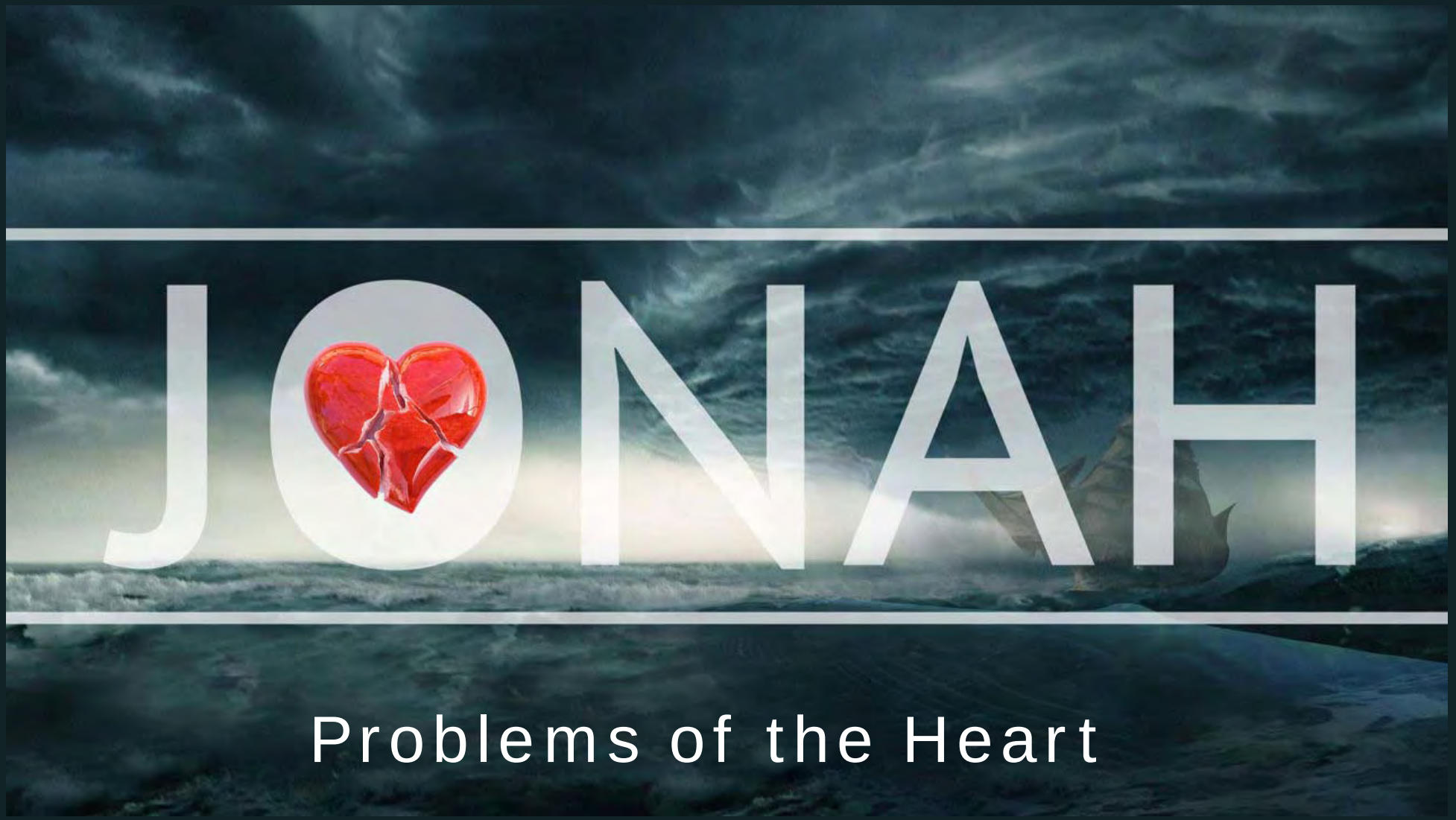
How does your life reflect this book?

Do you love the Lord and line up with His wants?

Or Rebel Against His Wants

Do you walk with the Lord and seek to follow His ways?

Or Do You Live For Self?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