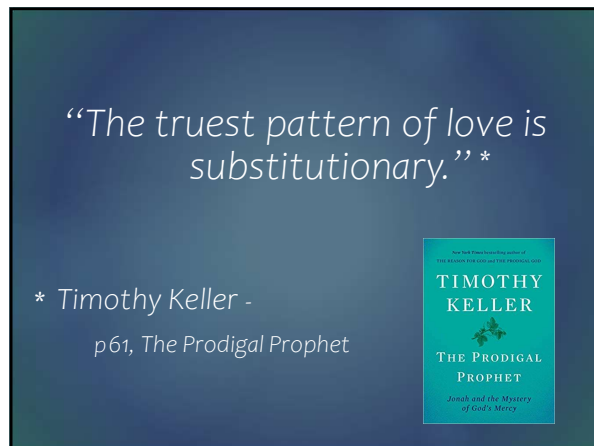
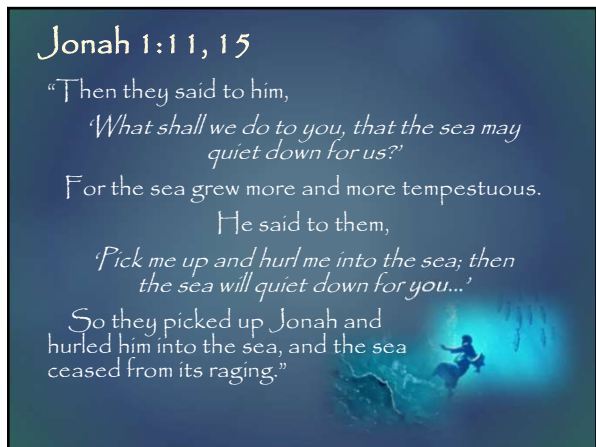




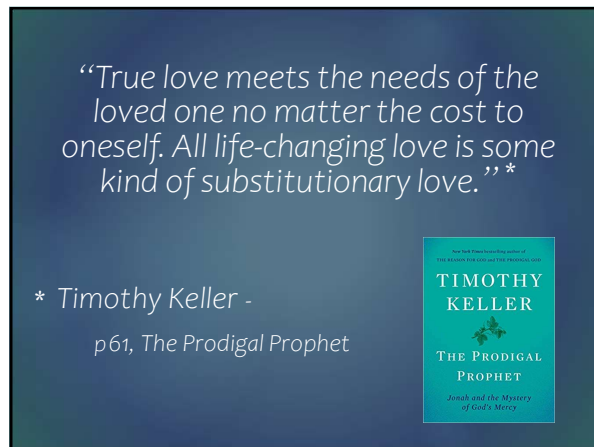
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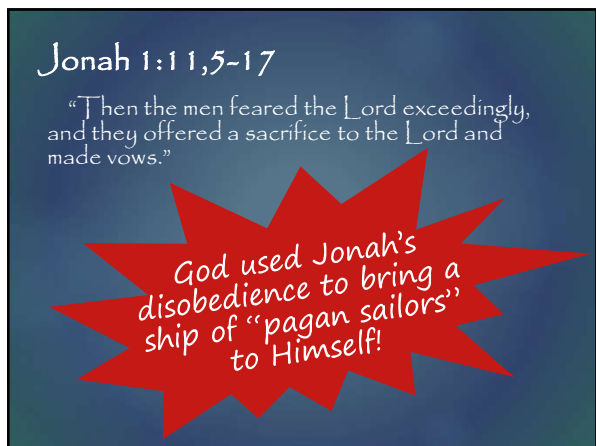
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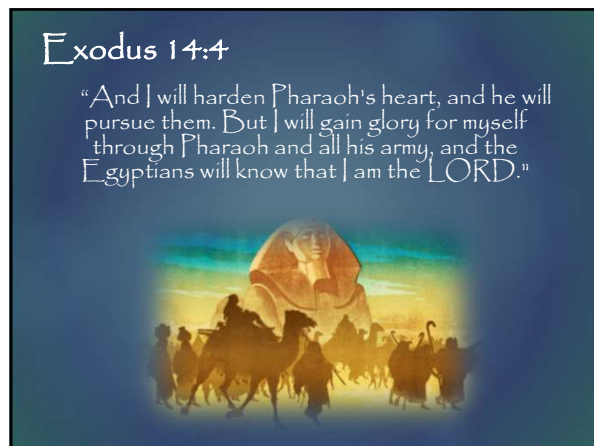
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**Jonah 1:15-17**  
 “And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights...”




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**Matthew 12:39-41**  
*“Jesus answered,  
 ‘A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah...’”*

**Jesus!** No greater love!  
 Sacrificial!  
 Substitutionary!

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**Matthew 12:39-41**  
*“Jesus answered,  
 ‘A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah.  
 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.’”*



9

**Romans 3:25**  
 “For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin...”

10

**1 John 2:2**  
 “He Himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins — and not only our sins but the sins of all the world...”

11

**God’s “Severe Mercies!” \***




**Radical treatment!**  
 Stripped of all ~~that~~ *could hold him up!*”

\* Timothy Keller - The Prodigal Prophet


12

God's "Severe Mercies!"  
 Genesis 26  
 E.g. - Isaac fighting for wells



13

God's "Severe Mercies!"  
 Genesis 32  
 E.g. - Jacob's wrestling



14

God's "Severe Mercies!"  
 Genesis 37-50  
 E.g. - Joseph's slavery experience



15

God's "Severe Mercies!"  
 Abraham!  
 David!  
 Elijah!  
 Peter!  
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**Refined... Proven...  
 through difficulty &  
 struggle!**

16


Hebrews 2:17

"Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people..."

17

Jonah 2

"Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish..."



The way down was the way up!

18

Jonah 2 – *Jonah's prayer*


I called...

He answered!

Jonah 2:2

*"Before they call I will answer, while they are still speaking I will hear."*

Isaiah 65:24



19

Jonah 2 – *Jonah's prayer*


Acknowledges...

*"I am guilty!"*

Jonah 2:3

*"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge."*

Psalms 51:4



20

Jonah 2 – *Jonah's prayer*


Acknowledges...

*"I am powerless!"*

Jonah 2:5-6

*"Salvation is from the Lord."*

Jonah 2:9



21

Jonah 2 – *Jonah's prayer*

Looks to God's holy Temple...

Jonah 2:4,7

*Symbol of God's mercy & grace!*




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Jonah 2 – *Jonah's prayer*

Looks to God's holy Temple...

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Before salvation comes...

*Jonah abandons himself to the only hope he has and clings only to the grace & salvation God alone can provide!*

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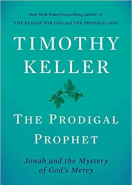
*“Salvation comes from the Lord!”*

*Jonah 2:9*

25

“Now we see why we find grace not at the high points of our lives but in the valleys & depths, at the bottom. No human heart will learn its sinfulness & impotence by (simply) being told it is sinful.  
It will have to be shown...”


\* Timothy Keller -  
p79, The Prodigal Prophet



26

**Idols!**

*Jonah misses the reality that the idols of his heart are as big a barrier as those of the “pagans” he rejects!*



27

Amidst God’s “Severe Mercies...”



*Have I seen His hand in my life?*

28


Amidst God’s “Severe Mercies...”



*Can I cling... do I trust Him?*

29

Amidst God’s “Severe Mercies...”



*Am I “laying down my life” in demonstration of His love? John 15:13*

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