TARGET: Jonah is considered by many as fable, but because we believe it’s factual (Luke 11:30; Matthew 12:39-40) we are able to discover God’s faithfulness.

I. A _______________ TO ____________________:
   “Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ‘Arise, go...’” (1:1-2)
   a. To a Place: “to Nineveh” (1:2) *Capital of Assyria *Mosul, Iraq
   b. To a People: “for their evil has come up before me” (1:2)
   c. To be a Preacher: “call out against it” (1:2)

II. A __________________ TO ____________________:
   “But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish” (1:3)
   a. Far from the Place: “He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish” (1:3) *Tel Aviv
   b. Far from the People: “So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish” (1:3) *Southern Spain
   c. Far from His Presence: “away from the presence of the Lord” (1:3)

III. A _______________ THAT ____________________:
   “But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea,” (1:4)
   a. Causing Fear: “Then the mariners were afraid” (1:5)
   b. Creating Faith: “each cried out to his god” (1:5)

IV. A ___________________ THAT ____________________:
   a. Roll of the Dice: “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” (1:7)
   b. Revelation of Defiance: “For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.” (1:10)

V. A ___________________ TO _________________
   “And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah” (1:17)
   a. Prayer of Distress: “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress” (2:2)
   b. Purpose to Deliver: “And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.” (2:10)

VI. A _______________ THAT ____________________:
   “And the people of Nineveh believed God.” (3:5)
   a. A Second Chance: “Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time” (3:1)
   b. A Sermon that’s Concise: “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” (3:4)
   c. A Scene of Compassion: “God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.” (3:10)

VII. A ___________________ THAT ____________________:
   a. His Complaint: “But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry” (4:1)
   b. God’s Comfort: “God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort” (4:6)
   c. His Criticism: “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die” (4:9)

VIII. A GOD WHO ____________________:
   “And should not I pity Nineveh,...more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle” (4:11)

Take Away: Everything detailed in the story of Jonah is obedient to God except for Jonah. However, He is a God of second chances that turns what we think are mistakes into miracles.

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