

# Jonah Word

by Brian Guerin

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*Brian Guerin's sermon emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's voice, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the transformative journey of faith exemplified in the story of Jonah.*

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## Description

Brian Guerin delivers a powerful sermon titled 'Jonah Word,' emphasizing the importance of obedience to God's voice. He draws parallels between Jonah's journey and the struggles many face in following God's direction, highlighting that disobedience can lead to unnecessary hardships. Guerin encourages listeners to embrace their calling and trust in God's plan, referencing Psalm 23 as a promise of peace and guidance for those who obey. He also shares personal experiences and prophetic insights, urging the congregation to be receptive to the Holy Spirit's leading. The message culminates in a call for a shift in mindset towards obedience and faithfulness in their spiritual journeys.

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## Transcript

Okay, awesome. Yeah, no, so I won't keep you guys too long. I do want to announce the, um, the Academy, um, as many chances as we get, because I know we're launching a new, what would it be, trimester, no, fiscal school year this fall.

So how many of you in here are in the Academy Wave? Okay, they're all, see, they're all over the place. And listen to me, I told you, they're dangerous. I mean, they, here, got way clearer miracles.

I'm like, well, can't keep up with them. And, uh, and so I think we're at our last, we were at 220 students from 18 countries around the world. They're all over the place and, um, have been online.

But we're super excited this fall, as you all have, most of you have been following, we're going to be able to host you both in person and online. So we're super stoked about that. Because how many of you know, Kingdom is also built around community, going deep together, and we'll just merge it all online as well.

And in person, so wherever you feel called, we have both available. And super excited that, um, if you're out of state or out of the country, we've got students in, like, South Africa, Asia, you know, all over. Um, different time zones, it's all archived, so it's super easy.

The model, you can take it and stay up with us. Or come in town, be with us for a week, two, a month, months, it doesn't matter. And, uh, really amped up.

We're going to do a lot of fun stuff. I know, any of you, if you've seen it, you have the property, it's like six acres, we've got woods out here and stuff like this. Zoe saw like a buck, was it yesterday morning? Yeah, and a little doe, she was like whistling at the doe, the doe wagged its tail at her and kept eating grass.

And, uh, but anyway, this fall's going to be awesome when the weather gets crisp, under the stars, we're going to get some guitars out there, some s'mores, fire pit, just go for it, you know. We're going to be doing all kinds of fun stuff, man. Fellas, you know, we've got this schedule on, the labor of the point.

But, if you want to join us, love to have you. It's getting closer to where it will, the time will run up, though, to register by this September. And, uh, oh, before I forget, how many of you Academy students have been on Crusades with us? If you could raise your hand, yeah, a bunch.

Okay, so these we do twice a year. Last year, COVID kind of threw a wrench in it a little bit. Um, only from the standpoint of the restrictions is all, you know.

Um, so we missed them last year. I think this fall we're hoping to announce soon there'll still be a green light, a Dominican Republic, but we're going to South Central America, preach the gospel, we're in prisons, gangs, uh, churches. We strengthen the churches.

How many of you know you want to do the whole Word of God? And so we're all about winning the lost witch. I'm going to tell you right now, there's somebody not born again in here tonight. I want you to know, it's a young man.

I saw it crystal clear in prayer. I heard you must be born again. It's a young man.

If you feel something beating at your heart, I was there. Listen, I got born again at 20, steeped in drugs, felonies, didn't know what I was doing. And I got, somebody tricked me into coming to a service like this.

Didn't have a clue what the pastor was talking about, but my heart started beating. And I said, hold on a second. There's something he's talking about that I know I need.

I didn't know how to connect the dots. And there's a young man in here, I'm telling you, your destiny is waiting to come alive in Jesus Christ. There is nothing.

There's nothing on the other side. It's all plastic. It's the whole carrot in front of the donkey.

You're never going to get it. The drugs, the popularity, whatever it is. The fame, females, fortune, whatever it is.

All the F's. They'll give you a big F in life. That's what they'll do.

You want to get full of the Holy Ghost, that's what you were created for. So if that's you, a young man in here, your heart's beating, come get me, or you can come interrupt the message, I'll stop the whole thing for you. But later, I don't want to put you on the spot, but we want to lead you to the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to you.

Which reminds me, I forgot to announce last time, we've got a beautiful baptismal pool under these fabulous saints over here. And so we're going to be dunking folks. We're going to be hitting a, I think by this fall, we should be geared up to meet consistently as a community in doing outreach impacting the community.

We're just not there yet, so we've kind of taken off the outreach that was on to the Glory Nights, as you all remember. Those get wild. We'll hit the streets and all over the place.

But this time, we're just under more of an apostolic building mindset to house the cats, teach, train, raise up, you know. So I think we'll be geared up for that to, again, go back into the city, just love on people, show them Jesus. And dunk them in the baptism.

I'm really excited about that. You know, and if you want to, if you get born again and baptized, it's going to be awesome. So anyway, I forgot where I was going, but the academy this fall.

Anyway, and I think that was it, really. The young man, yeah, what was it? Yeah, yeah, I had the dream. I was going to go there, but there was something else anyway.

They're like, get to it. Already. Yeah, so yeah, so I'll jump straight into that.

No, that's what it was. Academy students on crusades twice a year. We may be going this fall to the Dominican Republic only because it's wide open.

That's just how we roll. We're just not trying to, we just want to do the Word, jump up in there, lay hands on the sick, prophesy, go for it. And so what they are is a week full of like the Book of Acts times, you know, we just go for it.

Glory meetings, win the loss, teach and train, help strengthen churches, encourage widows, orphans, prisons, all this. And what's beautiful is I get to step out of the way more and activate. And that's what I'm so excited about, even housing this culture and community here to see people trained up and step into all that they are.

Because a lot of you know we need the full body of Christ. Some people are the hands, some are the feet. If we had a bunch of hands, we'd be in bad shape, man.

We could grab a bunch of stuff but you can't walk nowhere, there's no feet, you know. We need the body. So that being said, I was going to say students and those that have been on crusades with us that are used to what we do with words of knowledge, you remember? Tomorrow morning, if you don't mind praying, I really want to go after miracles tomorrow morning, healings, words of knowledge.

I'll probably preach a little bit, especially Father's Day, I think it's beautiful to father and just model this thing. It's real simple. How many of you are born again in here? I'm trying to find that young man, if he doesn't raise his hand.

I'm teasing, I'm teasing. Found him, no. He's like, let me just, you know.

But anyway, if you're born again, full of the Holy Spirit, there's these gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have full access to. Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, gifts of healings, plural, gift of miracles, faith, and all this. So you have the Holy Spirit, you have these gifts.

There are no super saints, you know. I remember when I first got born again, I was like, man, the Apostle Paul just, and I still see him that way, to be honest, legend, untouchable. But I began to realize, like, no, no, they're up there.

Hebrews 12, we're surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses just urging us. I'm like, no, no, no. We pass the baton, like walking what we walked in.

Jesus says, you'll do much greater. And so, really, it's simple. We posture ourselves before the Lord.

It could be tonight through a dream, and worship tomorrow, and they'll get just crystal clear words of knowledge. And begin to call them out. We'll get up on stage.

It's awesome. It's the gifts of the Spirit in operation. It's beautiful.

How many of you know we need the power of God in this hour? Yeah. The Bible always watched Jesus. He always would teach and do, preach and heal.

The attitudes, and come off the mountain, cast out devils. The gospel is not in word only, but power. It's beautiful to watch.

So, we'll come up and let the Holy Spirit move, and they'll call out stuff. You'll be blown away with the accuracy of things. Mary John, if you're back tomorrow, we were just in North Carolina.

She had a crazy accuracy. I heard the name, I think, and all this. And then I remember Aurelia.

Was that like a deaf ear? Yeah. It pops open. How many of you know Jesus? That deaf ear is like, if he sneezes too hard, that's coming open.

Eyes, miracles, all of them. We've been in all kinds of countries, casting out devils. If you've got some devils you're just tired of hanging on to, we can pray for you.

You'll be set free. It'll be a beautiful thing. I just want to encourage you guys, and just let you guys know, be in prayer.

If you get anything, that'll be awesome. Okay, so the dream won't keep you guys long at all. I'll condense it best I can.

Hopefully it'll land where it will. We'll jump back into the Holy Spirit and go for it. So the dream was real simple.

How many of you understand prophetic dreams and how it works? Whoa. Well, we have actually our school coming up. We have a school called School of His Voice coming up.

What a lot of you don't know is, our very first school back in 2015 was the School of the Prophetic. This is it again. We renamed it.

It's going to be more intense and in-depth. But it's on dreams, visions, trances. This is all biblical.

Acts 10.10. The Bible says, Peter fell into a trance and then went into a vision. It's a state you're brought into to see visions from God. Sheep comes down three times.

He sees all these unclean animals. Bacon is all up in the sheets. The Lord's like, eat.

Peter's like, man, I love bacon, but I'm not supposed to eat bacon. It's not kosher. And it was interpreted later that the Gentiles could receive the Holy Ghost.

So we'll go into all this. How God speaks. He speaks through dreams.

Very crystal clear. Words of knowledge through prophetic pictures. This is all throughout the Word.

Jeremiah 1.11. The Lord asks Jeremiah, what do you see? Jeremiah says, I see an almond branch. He says, you've seen correctly. I'm watching over my word to perform it.

Almonds, they sprout. They're the first ones to sprout in spring, meaning there's a rapid production coming over the promises of God. I was just in Revelation.

Listen, John, we all know it. It says he heard a voice like a trumpet behind him. You guys remember that? If you read closely, it says, I turn to see the voice.

There's a seeing in the prophetic. Not who was speaking. He turned to see the voice.

Habakkuk 2 says, I'll wait upon the Lord to see what He will say to me. If you read that, it's like, what do you mean? I'll wait to hear what you say to me, right? He's like, no, I'll wait to see because God speaks through visions, dreams. They're all visual prophetic pictures.

Things like this. Oh yeah, wow, there's the school. That's cool.

So we'll be going into all that. I honestly had no grid for this stuff. The Lord really snuck me.

I didn't want anything to do with the prophetic. I thought it was super weird, to be honest with you. We were in Brownsville Revival, me and Dave, a big bunch of us.

Daniel, Glenda, same time. A.G., Assemblies of God. Praying in tongues.

We'd wear our ties, remember? Could you see me in a tie? I need to go back to it. Jesus. But it was awesome.

They talked character. When the loss went deep in the Word. But the prophetic was a little bit... We didn't have a grid for it.

I didn't. Maybe I wasn't paying attention when I was supposed to. And I grew up in a non-denominational church when I was still kind of young and before I really got out there.

And all I knew of the prophetic was every Sunday this lady over to the right had a bun. She would just pop up out of nowhere and be like, ha-ba-ba-ba-ta-ta-ta. And I was like, that's weird.

What is she doing? And then all of a sudden, halfway across the sanctuary, the house prophet would start saying, God would speak to my people. And I knew somehow I was connected. Which I love, and I see it in the Word.

I think it's awesome. But for me, I was like, I don't want nothing to do with the prophetic. That's strange.

Ephesians 4.11, Jesus ascended, gave gifts to men, apostles. And you see prophets. I'm like, no, we're good.

Evangelists, pastors, teachers. Fast forward, 2004, he snuck me with his experience. And it really imparted this realm.

I just honestly didn't know what I was getting into. No dreams, nothing. That switch was turned off.

I had no grid for it. Had an encounter late 04, about 1.30 in the day coming back from Dallas, Texas. And I won't go into it.

But, within like a night or two, I go into a crystal clear dream. And I want to encourage you guys, if you're hungry for this, you know, when you begin to share dynamics like this, it creates the atmosphere to receive. That anointing comes, and you can start having dreams from God.

You can pull on it. Go into a dream, this man in real life at the time came up to me, and he goes, he begins to tell me he's about to pass away in the near future. And after a certain event, in the last part of the dream, he says, you know, like in the book of Daniel, and the number 45.

And then the dream ended. And I was like, that was really weird. After this one encounter, how many of you know you can have one encounter with God and it flip your whole world upside down forever? And when you run into God, everything changes forever.

His gifts are irrevocable. I liken it to like a pinata of heaven. Once you bust it open, it's forever raining down over your life.

You can't shut it off. It doesn't take anything back. Solomon, the Bible says Solomon, really hungry, went up to a high place, gave a thousand burnt offerings unto the Lord, paid that price, went to the high place.

New Testament would translate as just going after heaven. Secret place, fasting, just pressing in. You know, not that you can work for it, but he's a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

It says Solomon, all of a sudden, one night, he goes into a dream, encountered God, and God says, what do you want? He's like wisdom to govern your kingdom. It says he wakes up. That felt like some shit right there.

He wakes up. The Bible, if you read closely, says he woke up for it was but a dream. I promise you Solomon woke up and was probably like, that was wild.

That'd be cool if that worked out. I'm telling you, something got really good. And so you all know the story.

A couple of ladies come up, bring a child, and they're fighting over whose child it is. There it is. It's on him now, the supernatural wisdom of God.

There's never been a man more wise on the earth. You study it out in Scripture, his net worth. With wisdom come riches, always.

We study it in Proverbs. Wealth, which we know the love of money is the root of all evil, but listen, it takes wealth to thrust forth the kingdom and it just follows wisdom, I'm telling you. Wisest man ever stepped foot on the earth? Richest man ever stepped foot on the earth? His net worth was 2.5 trillion.

King Solomon, he could have took a big chunk out of our national debt. Since then, nobody's come close. All the Bill Gates and the Rockefellers, they're not even in the same ball field as Solomon.

From one dream. One dream. And so they come up with a baby.

He's thinking, that was a cool dream. Anyway, I've got to deal with this stuff. They bring a child, all of a sudden that wisdom, it's on him now.

It's the anointing. You get painted. It smears into you, the anointing of God and you can't get it off.

He says, oh easy, just kill the child. That was super seeker friendly, wasn't it? And sure enough, the real mom comes forth and she's like, no, no, no give her the child. And he knew by the wisdom of God and he walked in it all the days of his life.

So I want to encourage you guys, that's kind of what happens. So Daniel 45, steps out of the dream, I'm like, Daniel it's a small book there's not even 45 chapters, like what? And the word had no grid. How do you interpret dreams? But it's all throughout the word.

How many of you know sometimes you just don't see stuff until you walk into it or rub up against it? You guys know what I mean? Like if you, have you ever got a certain type of car? Like a jeep, like a jeep is so sweet. But anyway, once you've got that, do you see jeeps everywhere? Totally, that's what happens. You start like, oh jeeps hey! You know, it's like because it's in your radar that's how it works with encounter and experience and knowing God in the word.

And it's all in there, but it's kind of locked until you experientially walk in it. So that was how it was with me. Daniel 45, I look and I said, oh man, there's two chapters in the entire book of Daniel that, there's only two chapters that go up to the verse 45.

Maybe that's what it is. Remember he says, look, I'm going to pass away at such and such time. This is when I'm going to pass away in a dream.

It ends. And so I look up Daniel chapter 2 verse 45 says, this dream is certain and it will come to pass. And I was like, what are the chances of that? I'm like, this is crazy.

They didn't teach me this in Bible college. Flip over to chapter 11 it says, his fate is near. The two 45 verses, like the Lord, you think Sherlock Holmes is tricky, boy, the Lord can start mysteriously putting things together like you ain't never seen.

So that started a journey, then I'd be in prayer and just see stuff, and I'd have to journal it and it would come to pass later, and I was like, what is going on? I had to really navigate through it so he'll do this in times and I pray that increases upon us tonight. But the dream from last night is real simple I'm going to do my best to convey what I feel is out of it but I feel really it is a word of the Lord for tonight and for the body of Christ right now.

So I don't know if we're going to be able to get this video out I don't know where we're at yet with media but I really feel like it's now a word and it was simple, the first scene was the Jonah and the whale situation it was really cool to see a whale in your dream and the whole Jonah thing the wrestling with the Lord and trying to yield to obedience with the whale and then it ended with two prophetic pictures so I'm seeing the whole Jonah whale scenario and then it goes to a receipt that you get for once you pay for something it

went into two pictures a receipt and then the large number 23 which when I came out of it I knew it was connected to Psalm 23 and it's really amazing, I love how the Lord does this with me because Jonah, I'll give you a quick little preface on it, Jonah is one

of the most mysterious books in the Bible in that it just doesn't end it gives you no conclusion on Jonah's life and I feel like the Lord is saying once he recorrected unto the obedience of the voice of God he began to walk in Psalm 23 and I believe it's going to happen in many people's lives tonight as we shift and I believe revelation is going to come to be able to obey his voice I think often intentionally we mean well, but because of certain casualties, natural logic we get off of where God really meaning us to go and it's causing that dilemma Jonah ran into and I believe something is going to shift but there's something to do with this Jonah season that I believe a lot of people are in and it's the price is going to be paid and that's the receipt of getting the receipt it's paid for

and then shifting into a whole new era of Psalm 23, does that make sense to you guys? and what's wild is, I totally forgot it but if you look at Jonah's prayer at the end he says the vow I paid I'll stay true to more or less, it's like a receipt to God once he got out and paid the price for disobedience and so but Jonah, short book four chapters it's the only prophet book too where he writes about himself and not his prophetic word you know Isaiah, all of them, their books are written on their word that God gave him he writes about himself which honestly is pretty humbling because his resume wasn't, it was amazing but he was kind of, you know he disobeyed, he was angry, you know he was a little bit, I feel like he was a little emotional some days, which is awesome and I get it, and

traffic and stuff for sure and how it even ended you know, but he was humble enough to write you know, depending upon his character that we can learn from but the gist of it, I just want to walk us through it and pray something really shifts in a big way because I've seen it too much now when it's given crystal clear in a dream and I believe you pray into it but starting tomorrow Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, remember? starting tomorrow, full day and three nights ends on the 23rd and I believe many of you are in a three day window are going to hear something that's going to shift to redirect where you're supposed to go and that's at 23, Psalm 23 it's just that prophetic stuff that will start connecting together so anyway I'm going to read to you first

out of it and we'll just see where we end up but watch this, Jonah chapter 1 verse 1 now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying arise go to Nineveh that great city and call out against it for their evil has come up before me but Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord the biggest no-no you can ever make in all of your life to leave the presence of the Lord which many of us have done if we're honest except for Todd shockly he is the presence at all times but Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord he went down to Joppa found a ship going to Tarshish so he paid the fare and went down into it to go with him to Tarshish away from the presence of the Lord verse 3 mentions twice he went away from the presence of the Lord and I'm

telling you again, I think typically the intentions are well especially amongst believers but unknowingly often we don't choose accurate enough because of some stuff I'm going to expand on and we get outside of his clear voice and we find ourselves wrestling and in the belly of the whale and the seasons drag out longer than they're supposed to listen, right when he left the presence of the Lord verse 3, it says he paid a fare in every version it goes out of its way to say he goes down into the boat and prophetically every time you get away from the presence solely you're going to pay a price that you get no refund for and you're going to descend always, he pays a price and descends into the boat, and listen maybe I can do it up here

so it says imagine this is the land Jonah was in, I may

be messing up the camera but anyway ooh, it's cool back here I'm out of the hot lights, this is nice I'll just find reasons to preach on the board, y'all won't know I'm trying to keep cool but so, let's say Nineveh is right here okay, Jonah when he got the word of the Lord was right in here Joppa is right here okay guess where Tarshish is way over here and the Bible says, God spoke to him, he says look, go to Nineveh right there their wickedness has come up before me he passes Nineveh says he rose and went down to Joppa, passes Nineveh right here, pays a price you're going to pay greatly to not follow the voice of the Lord clearly and look, it may seem like it's going to cost you but it will cost you far greater to disobey and he goes, Tarshish means contemplation or meditation it can be

implied as that meaning, often where we think too much, we lean on our own understanding, and listen Proverbs 3.5 says, lean not upon your own understanding trust God in all your ways and so, he it's 550 miles if you study it, from Joppa to Nineveh right here 2500 to Tarshish that'd be like going to I could hop down to Orlando right there or Seattle, Washington or probably further up by the border actually, probably Canada, the Horvaths probably Canada, yeah so, and Tarshish it was known for wealth, it was like a Disneyland on the coast, what would be modern day southern Spain, beaches tons of silver, a lot of Solomon's silver and gold came from Tarshish so I guarantee you anyway, I don't want to get too heavy into it but man's logic and how I can work something out on my own and figure

my way out, that's how we often miss God, we mean well but it will cost you, take so much more time to get back to where God's just initially trying to take you when he was just going to take him to Nineveh, bring the corrective word and bring him right into Psalm 23 I believe, and keep walking that out, but watch this, I have here to miss the voice of God accurately, precisely how many of you know often we obey a lot of the voice of God, but some of it we just you know, we'll take it or leave it like a buffet and that's not the hour God's working in right now, I hear it way too often, it's got to be this way or I'm not going to do that unless this and I tell my own children, I say listen to me, it's the voice of God overall, I don't want to be hard on you right now but when God speaks,

it's 100% obedience period, whatever it costs you whatever it looks like I tell my own daughter, if the Lord called you to Japan I'd be the first one paying the airfare, I'll FaceTime you, I love you, but listen, we obey God, I don't care what it, you know, none of the family doesn't get in the way, that's just, I'm telling you Bible the word of the Lord matters in this hour, I was just reading it, kind of getting ahead of myself really off the path, but I was just reading in David and Saul there's a mysterious verse towards the end of I think 1 Samuel where it says the house of Saul and the house of David began to be in war for a very long time and it says the house of Saul became weaker and weaker, the house of David became stronger and stronger and the difference with both houses is

one inquired of the Lord and followed his voice, the other feared man, Saul did what he thought was right in the moment and his intentions were really well actually, if you look at Saul he meant well, except for he went to the witch, the medium, that was a big you know, but he meant well, so missing the voice of God so anyway Jonah he leaves, we all know the story and it's, I have just a few quick notes this is going to cost you greatly and there is no refund, he pays a fare, it's also going to cost those around you and this is the seasons that happens when we don't know it often but we've, by default because of various reasons and I've done it plenty, how many of you ever missed the Lord and produced Ishmael's and I'll be the first to say that, we got a bunch of holy folks out here,

people are like I never miss God shoot, Isaac's all day anyway anyway but you know just various reasons in life, you know our consciousness, desires, you know things that we want, really we don't want to let go of it, whatever it is and but it will cost others around you too, Jonah gets on the ship, remember I'll just BSV it and paraphrase, he gets on the ship with these other ungodly men, he goes down under the boat, he's under godless men now, which speaks volumes, your destiny will cost you and you'll always descend in life status from all angles they get on the ship and now the winds come the storms and they're freaking out about to lose their life, they have to throw all their costly cargo over now, because they think they're about to die, and it's all because Jonah's on the ship, so

this is also, take this one for free but don't ever link in a covenant way with somebody running from the lord hey, bless them, try and hook them and pull them in, but you link your goods up to them in a covenant way bro, you're going to lose cargo I'm telling you, when they're running from the lord crystal clear, it's going to cost you, you want to win them, but you know what I'm saying, we love the loss but anyway, so these guys are like, hold on, what gives, Jonah's sleeping down below, which I believe he's in great depression, how do you sleep when the whole ship's about to fall apart and everybody's about to die, I believe he was just in such agony because he's trying to run from the lord they wake him up who are you, where are you from, what's your name it was funny, these godless

men had enough sense to connect it spiritually sometimes the worlds, they'll pick up on stuff faster than the church, they said hold on, something's going on here, they asked him and he says, oh I'm a Hebrew I fear the lord, the god who created that sea that's about to take us all out and they're like how dare you step foot on our ship, we're all trying to go to Disney World and you, you know Jonah's like, I was too I was trying to get lemonade, go to the coast with y'all, I'm trying to start a new life here, I'm not trying to go to Nineveh, you know but however you know, wherever the voice of the lord takes you, that's where favor is and blessing and life and ease and butter Job 29.6 says oh if it were in the days of old when my feet were bathed in butter, just meaning just sliding

around in life, such ease and favor, you can be right in the heart, that's what Psalm 23, so mysteriously connected, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, cup runneth over, eat in the presence of my enemies that's basically what Jonah had to do and so, you can pick Disney World outside of the voice and you'll end up in the belly of the whale and spit out, going around in circles, dilemma, things like this or obey and get the receipt over with, just pay it and walk in Psalm 23 and there's some, I believe there's some people in between his voice right now and have been for quite some time because it's, there's all kind of different reasons and again, I throw myself in there, but may we make that shift and listen to me, this is powerful, I heard this

recently actually and didn't even realize the lord was gonna connect it like this but there was a man of god that went to heaven and he ran into some of the saints, a very credible, just general of god he ran into Jesus, some of the saints and as he was leaving he ran into Jonah at one point Abraham, Paul, I was just so stirred me and Judah were watching this other night, I was just stirred sometimes you just stir yourself up man with the things of the lord, I'll go into old Hagen videos and the holy spirit whatever it is, I just want heaven and it's really good to get full of this stuff before you go to bed too, you just really, every part of the day if you can so he runs into Jonah and he literally, he asks him, he says, what was it like to be in the belly of the whale, Jonah cut him

off he goes, you don't understand, I was in disobedience he says, you're missing the point he goes to Paul Paul's like, preach that gospel, are you preaching my gospel he called it his gospel he was so possessive

of it, are you preaching my gospel different saints, all this stuff, but he goes to leave heaven, they're all kind of cheering him on, it was like a Hebrews 12 moment Paul says, preach my gospel fervently and then he goes down the line, he gets to Jonah, and Jonah goes, obey listen man obedience, that's what's going on right now, I want to quote some verses to you but it's as simple as that, don't even, sometimes I'll just tell you some secrets behind my doors I won't even look at the cost, I just want to know what he's saying clear, you got it and I'll step out, bam lean not on

your own understanding, I know it sounds crazy to the world, because all they function on is logic, we walk by faith not by sight, I love, Pastor Stanley was telling me the other day, this is the vision center, you know where they fix eyeglasses, they're called vision centers, it's awesome, Pastor Stanley was like, that ain't the vision center, this is the center you get vision from God and but we walk by faith not by sight, and all it takes is shutting off the voices, the past well but last time I did this, this happened all that, because it's very real get deep deep in the glory, it's manifest presence, and he says do this and then you just don't even you know, don't even worry about it, it's like oh wait, no no no, I'm going to act like it's Disneyland you know what I'm saying, or

whatever you can just play tricks in your mind or whatever but that's where favor is, that's where the Psalm 23 lane is, you just stay in it it's like green pastures valley of the shadow of the death whatever the scenario is, it's just butter it's just Jesus is there, table full, cup running over, and so I want to encourage you guys, there's something with it, and let me go fast to a few obedience verses, I'm really going fast with this but I have here, your love for God is only proven true to the depth at which you obey listen, I've heard a bunch, I'll throw myself in there, I've seen a lot of camp streams, a lot of deep love, scripture, preacher talk all this, but it only, rubber meets the road at obedience Jesus said it out of his own mouth you love me if you obey me so there's deep,

intimate, soaking and worshiping glory, and man we do all that times ten, we love it all, but when you come out of there, do you do what he tells you to do because heaven's watching that, your love is only matched up to the level of obedience, whether costly or not anybody can step out on the easy stuff, but it comes when, you know, so anyway, John 14, 15, Jesus says if you love me, you will obey me 1 John 2, 3 through 6, and we can be sure, 1 John gunner man, beloved of the Lord I could just stay on him forever anyway, but, and we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments John, that knew the Lord better than anybody, he ties in knowing him to how obedient you are to him how obedient you are, he ties in they're inseparable in his book if someone claims I know God, but

doesn't obey God, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth I love John, he kind of gets a rap of being a little bit flowery because the beloved, head on the chest of Jesus you know, he was rough, son of thunder you know, he was just real black and white, if you look at his epistles he was just straight up you claim to be, you know, walking with God, but you live in darkness, you're a liar he's just boom, boom, Paul's very, you know, elaborate John's just like boom, but those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him that is how we know we are living in him those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus Christ did, 1 Kings 2, 3 observe what the Lord your God requires walk in obedience to him and keep his decrees and commands do this that you

may prosper in all you do and wherever you go Psalm 128 1, blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him 1 Samuel 15.22, and I'll end it here obedience is better than sacrifice doesn't mean you negate sacrifice, but there's something about obedience right now, and I feel like the Lord's asking some people to do some costly stuff because none of us, man, that wasn't no cake walk, you know but just

obey, listen to me walk out blindly if you have to Nineveh was a rough area, they actually I think it was the capital of the Assyrian empire at the time and they took out a bunch of the Israel's 10 out of the 12 tribes, so anyway this is Jonah's people, he's going into the heart of the beast, and he went, and we all know the story he releases the word of the Lord, they repent

it's the only place in scripture where God saves the animals too because they made their animals fast it's a very mysterious verse so if I ever need to make bullseye fast we have this bulldog, he ain't going fast though he doesn't even know that term, he lives to eat, but anyway if you guys want to stand, I want to pray over this corporately and pray for a major shift in our lives, and then we'll let the Holy Spirit move

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