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JONAH PART 4
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Jonah tried leaving Israel to flee from the call and the voice of God by boarding a ship bound in the opposite direction from Nineveh as he headed toward Tarshish. Verse 4 says, ***“But the Lord...”***.

Have you ever had a “but God” moment? One where you knew what you should do, and you didn’t wish to do it, so you “went a different direction?” “But God” intervened. Yes, we sometimes just want things our way. We can tend to be as hardheaded as was Jonah.

“But the LORD (Jehovah, YHWH) sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was (likely) to be broken (into pieces).”

God had a burden for Nineveh. He was not going to just sit back and watch the disobedient Jonah flee from the task. He intervened with a devastating storm.

This storm was likely much like the “Euroclydon” seen in Acts 27:14-20 when a ship carrying the Apostle Paul was caught in a devastating storm. It perhaps would be akin to us getting caught on the water during a hurricane (a cyclone).

Don’t be like Jonah. Don’t run away and hide. You cannot hide from God. When you know what His will is be obedient to do it even if you are reluctant. God rewards obedience.

What is it in your life that you have been hesitant about? If you will just “let go and let God” have it, you can avoid that “but God” moment. You will discover it to be the better path.