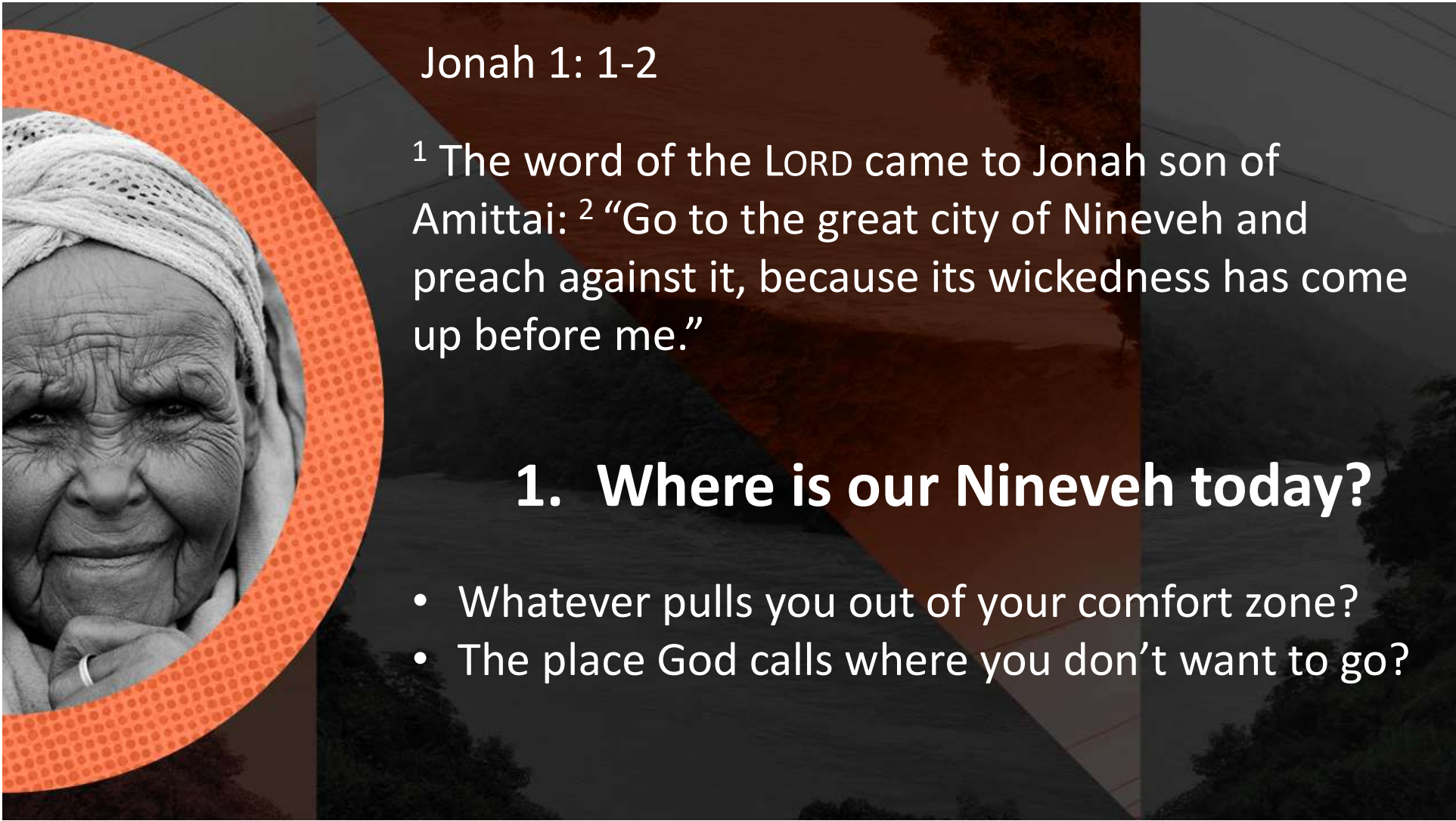




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**ARE YOU ON YOUR
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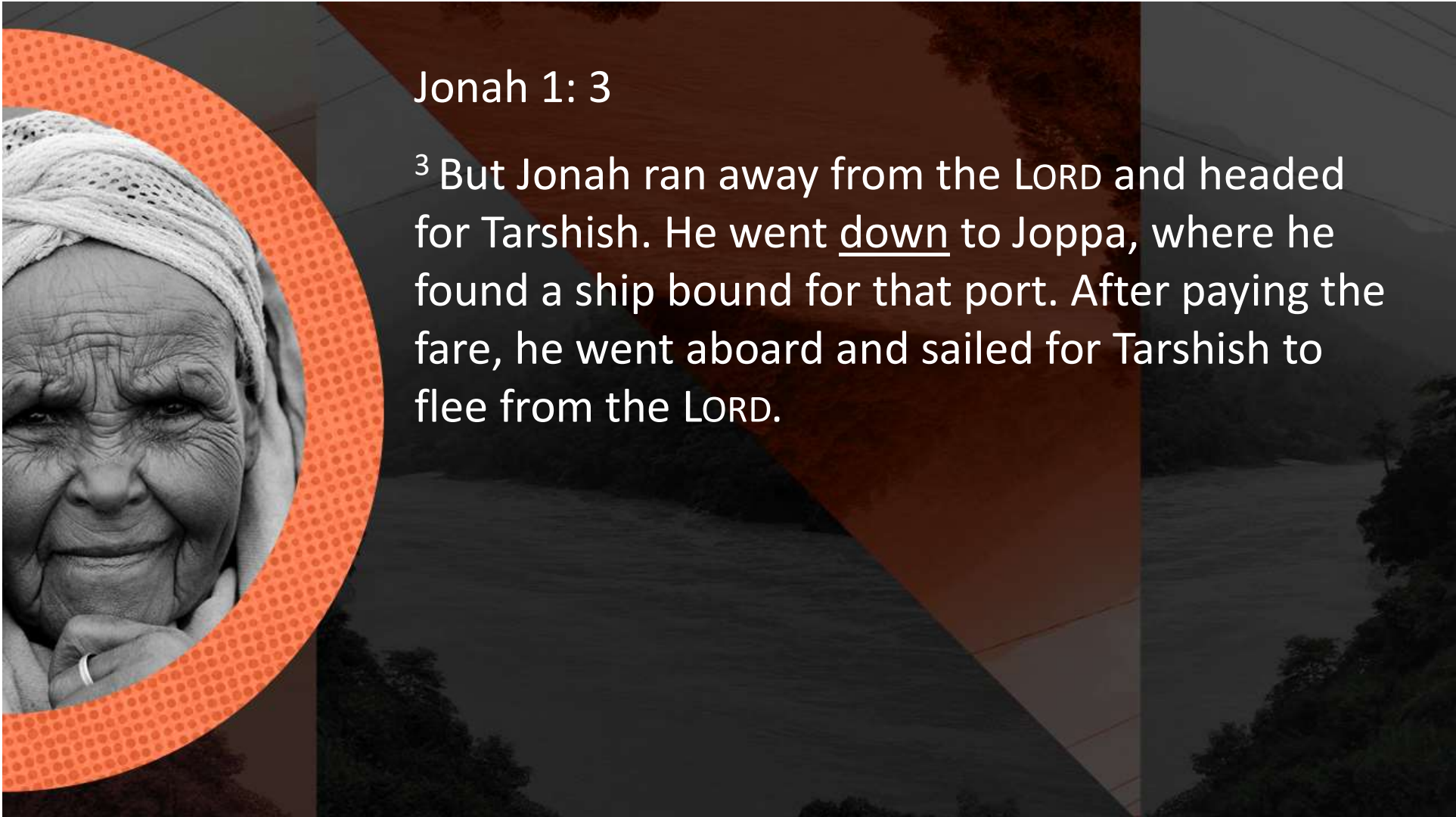


Jonah 1: 1-2

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

1. Where is our Nineveh today?

- Whatever pulls you out of your comfort zone?
- The place God calls where you don't want to go?



Jonah 1: 3

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.



JONAH LOCATION MAP

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Nineveh ☆

"That great city" (1:2), namely the capital of Assyria and home to 120,000 of Israel's enemies (as well as many cattle). Also, the mission destination of Jonah.

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Tarshish ☆

An unknown port city in the Western region of the Mediterranean (1:3), i.e. in the opposite direction to Ninevah.

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Joppa ☆

A port city in Judah (1:3), where Jonah disobediently boarded a ship for Tarshish.

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The Assyrian king (3:6)

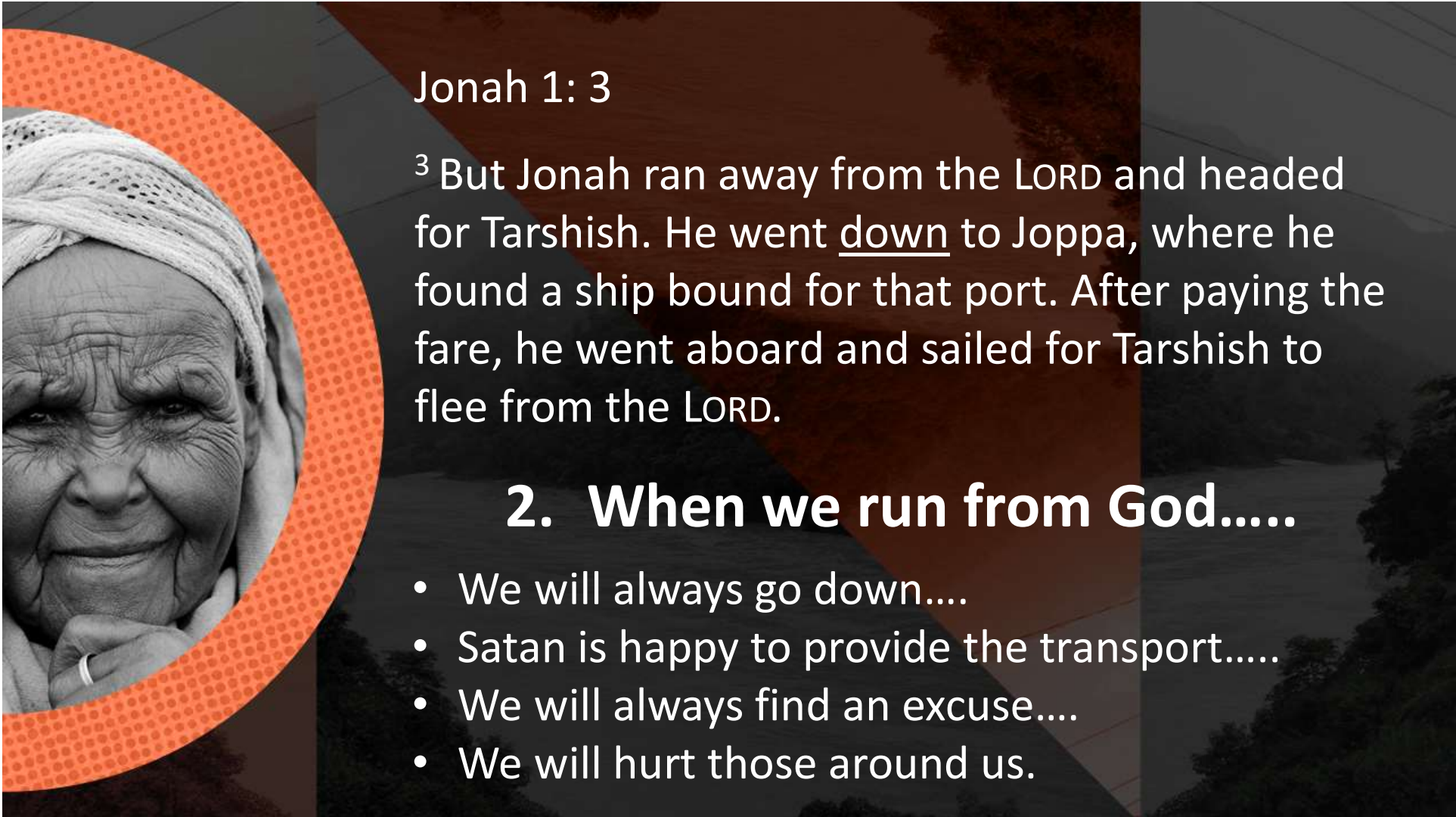
The great fish (1:17)

The Temple (2:4,7)

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Jonah 1: 3

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2. When we run from God.....

- We will always go down....
- Satan is happy to provide the transport.....
- We will always find an excuse....
- We will hurt those around us.



Proverbs 16: 33

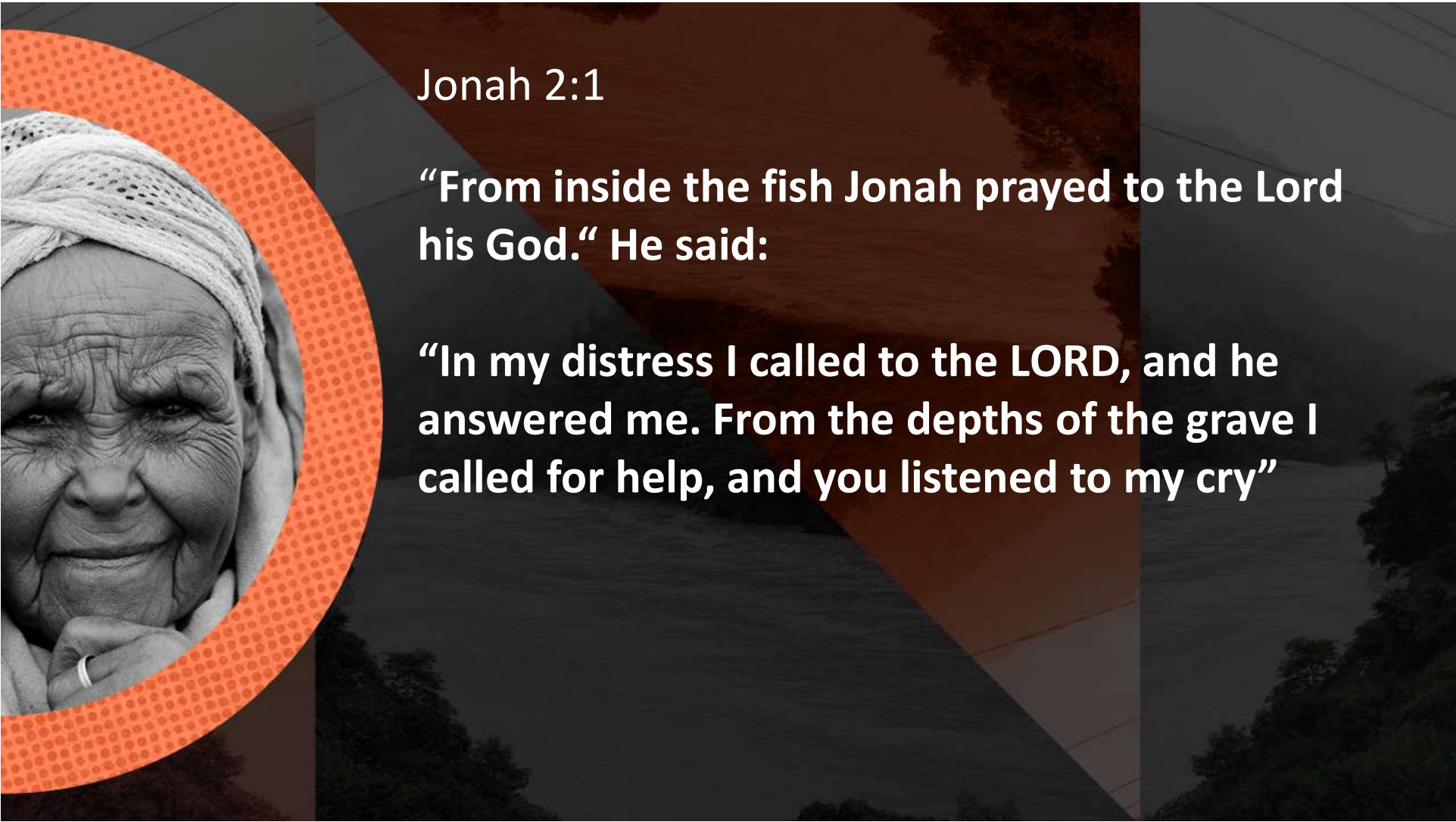
³³ The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD.

“Life is like a roll of the dice,
but God is in charge of how
the numbers come up.”



3. The world wants you to be the Christian you say you are:

- Live like one
- Act like one
- Talk like one
- Pray like one



Jonah 2:1


“From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.” He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry”



4. If you've been running, it is never too late to stop running from God

- “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses & renounces them finds mercy (Ps 28:13)
- If we confess our sins.....(1 John 1:9)
- God desires truth in the inwards parts (Ps 51:6)




Jonah 2: 8-9

⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.

⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

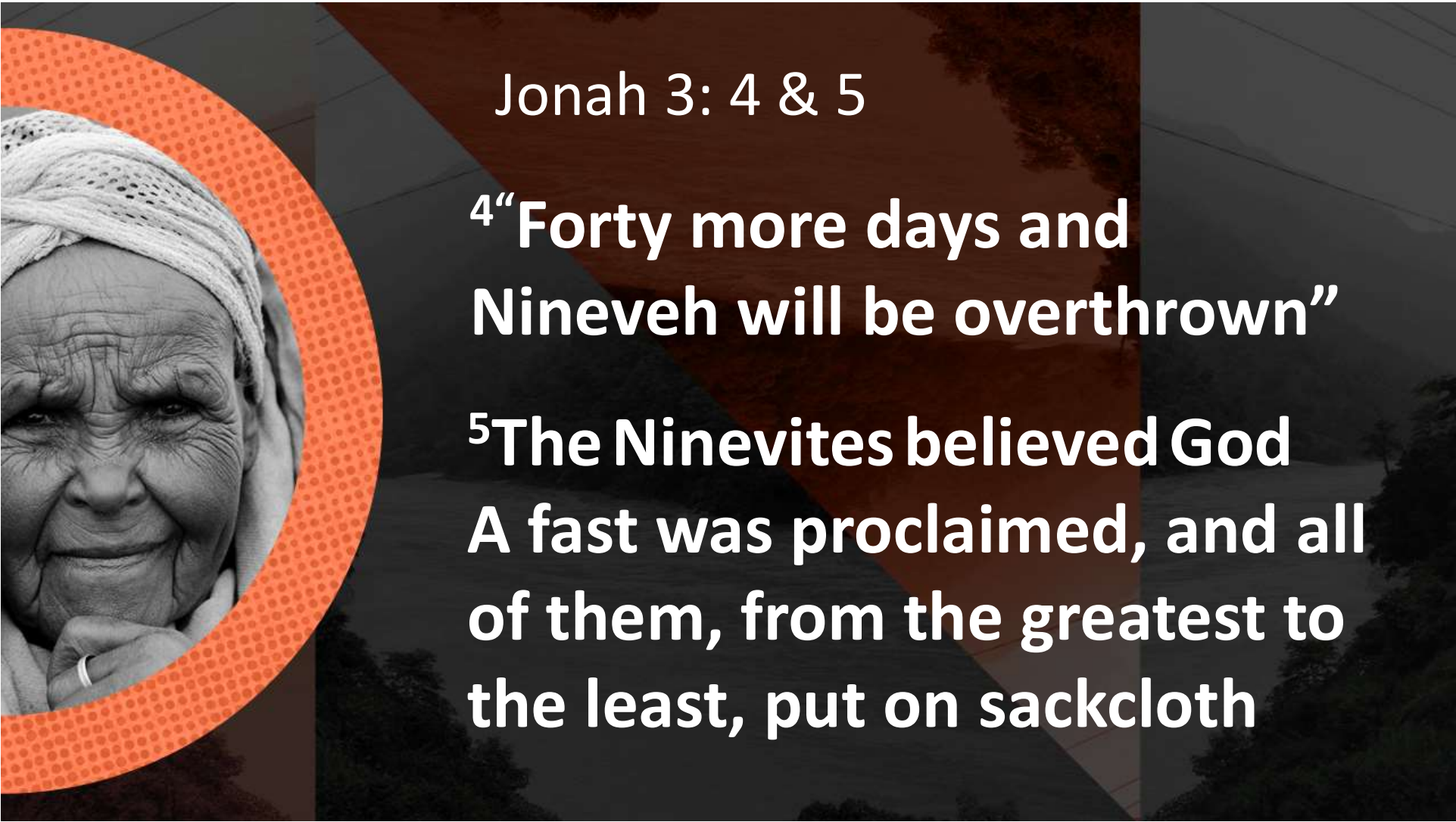
What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘**Salvation comes from the
LORD.**’”



Jonah 3: 1

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”



Jonah 3: 4 & 5


**⁴“Forty more days and
Nineveh will be overthrown”**

**⁵The Ninevites believed God
A fast was proclaimed, and all
of them, from the greatest to
the least, put on sackcloth**



5. Small obedience always beats great intentions!

- You never know what God will do?
- Perhaps we are closer to a great awakening than we have imagined?




Jonah 4: 1-3

⁴ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”



- **God loves Nineveh** - Where is your Nineveh today?
- **God is still willing to do whatever it takes to get you to Nineveh!**
- **Nineveh needs you!** That place only you can go.



*“You’ve got a
Nineveh in your life
right now – go!”*