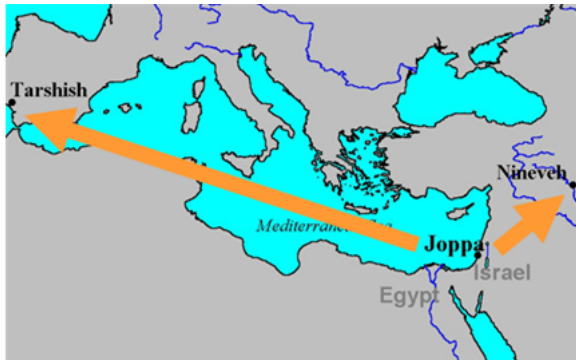


RAISING THE FLAG

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When the pain of your current circumstances exceeds the pain of change—things start changing.

Movements on the journey to surrender...

> Circumstantial brokenness

Jonah 2:2

"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."

God hears the desperate cries of desperate people in desperate circumstances.

> God's nearness in the brokenness

Jonah 2:6-7

6...But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. 7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

> Awareness of an empty pursuit

Jonah 2:8

"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."

When you run *from* God, you run *to* something else.

"...an idol is something we cannot live without. We must have it, and therefore it drives us to break rules we once honored, to harm others and even ourselves in order to get it." – Timothy Keller