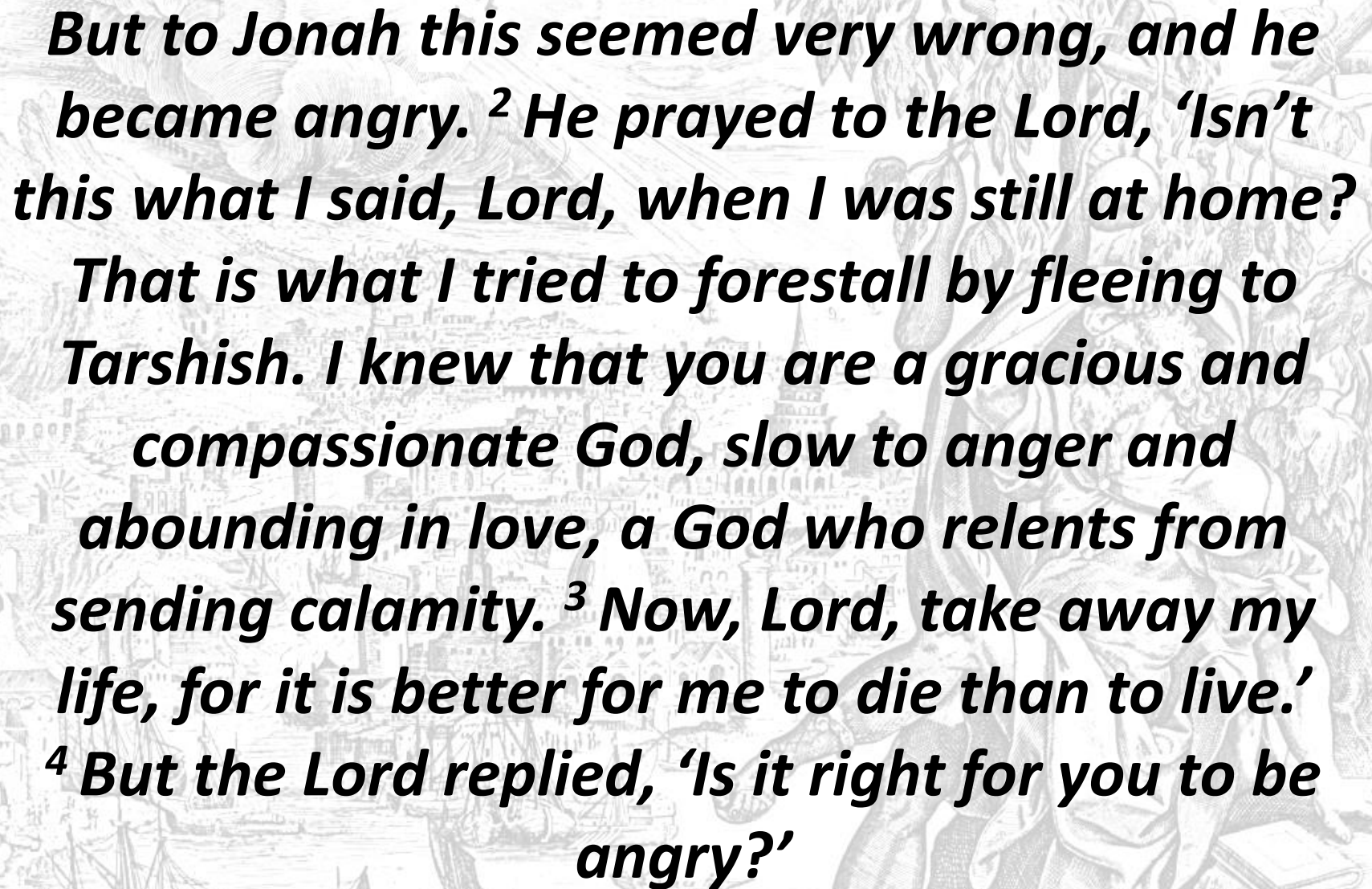


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JONAH

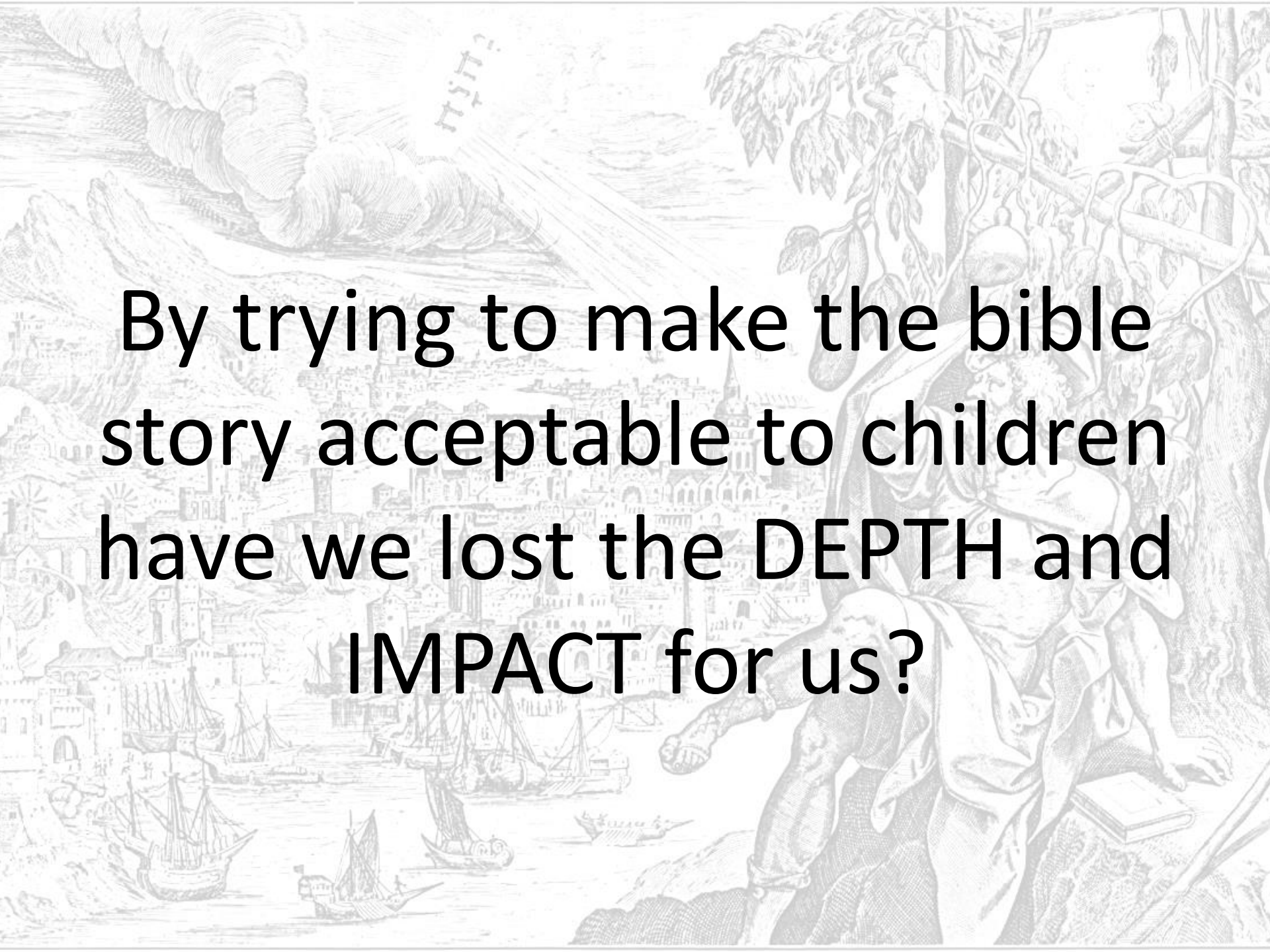
4 : 1-4



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.’ ⁴ But the Lord replied, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’



Bible character songs??



By trying to make the bible
story acceptable to children
have we lost the DEPTH and
IMPACT for us?



JONAH KNEW GOD

*Excerpt from letter sent to
London Missionary Society*

*From Robert Jermain Thomas
informing them of his self funded
first mission trip to Korea in 1865*





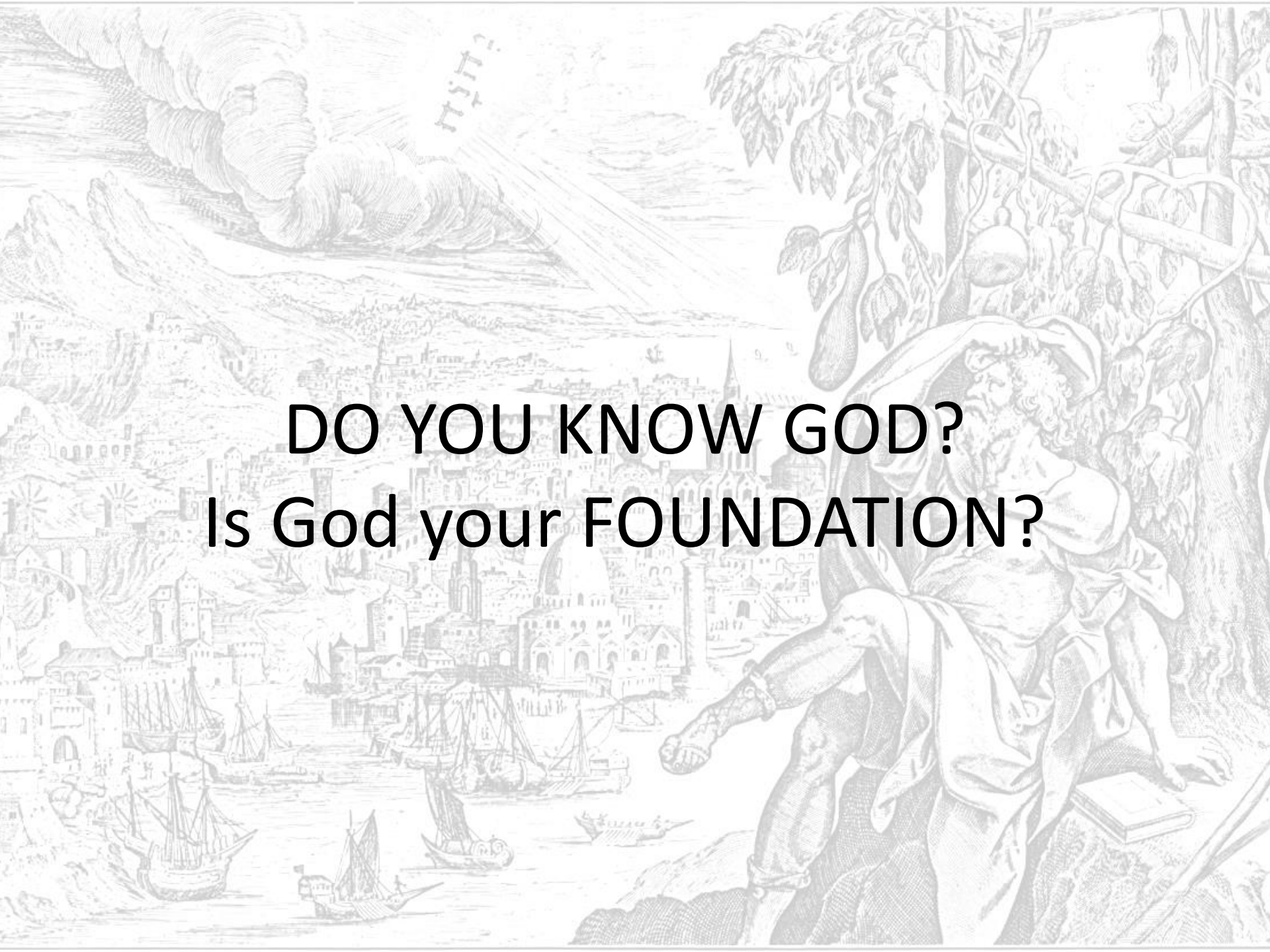
2 Kings 14:25

“He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant **Jonah** son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hepher.”



Exodus 34:6

*"And he passed in front of Moses,
proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the
compassionate and gracious God, slow to
anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
maintaining love to thousands, and
forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."*



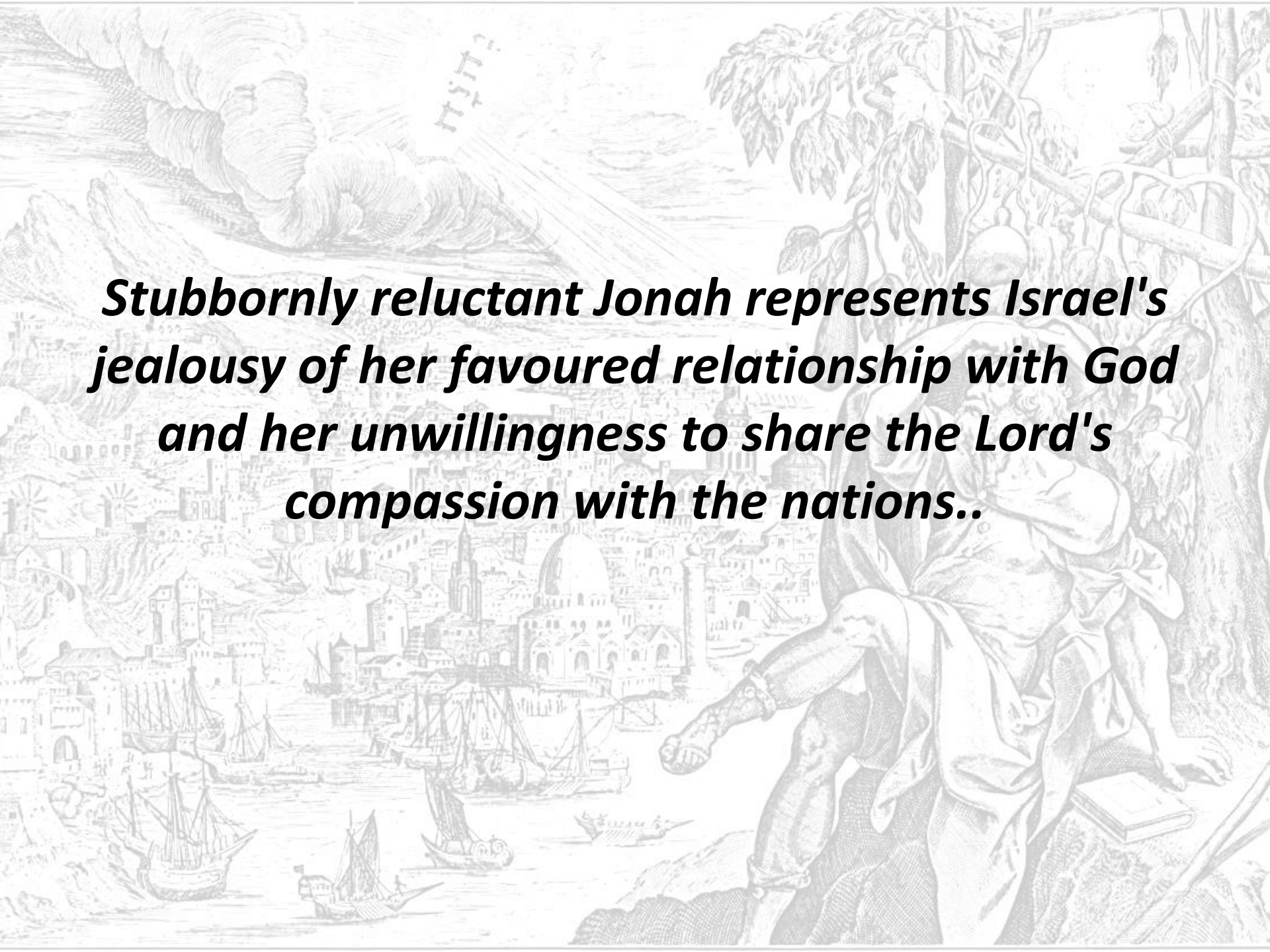
DO YOU KNOW GOD?
Is God your FOUNDATION?



JONAH KNEW GRACE

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Stubbornly reluctant Jonah represents Israel's jealousy of her favoured relationship with God and her unwillingness to share the Lord's compassion with the nations..



Jonah 2:8

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

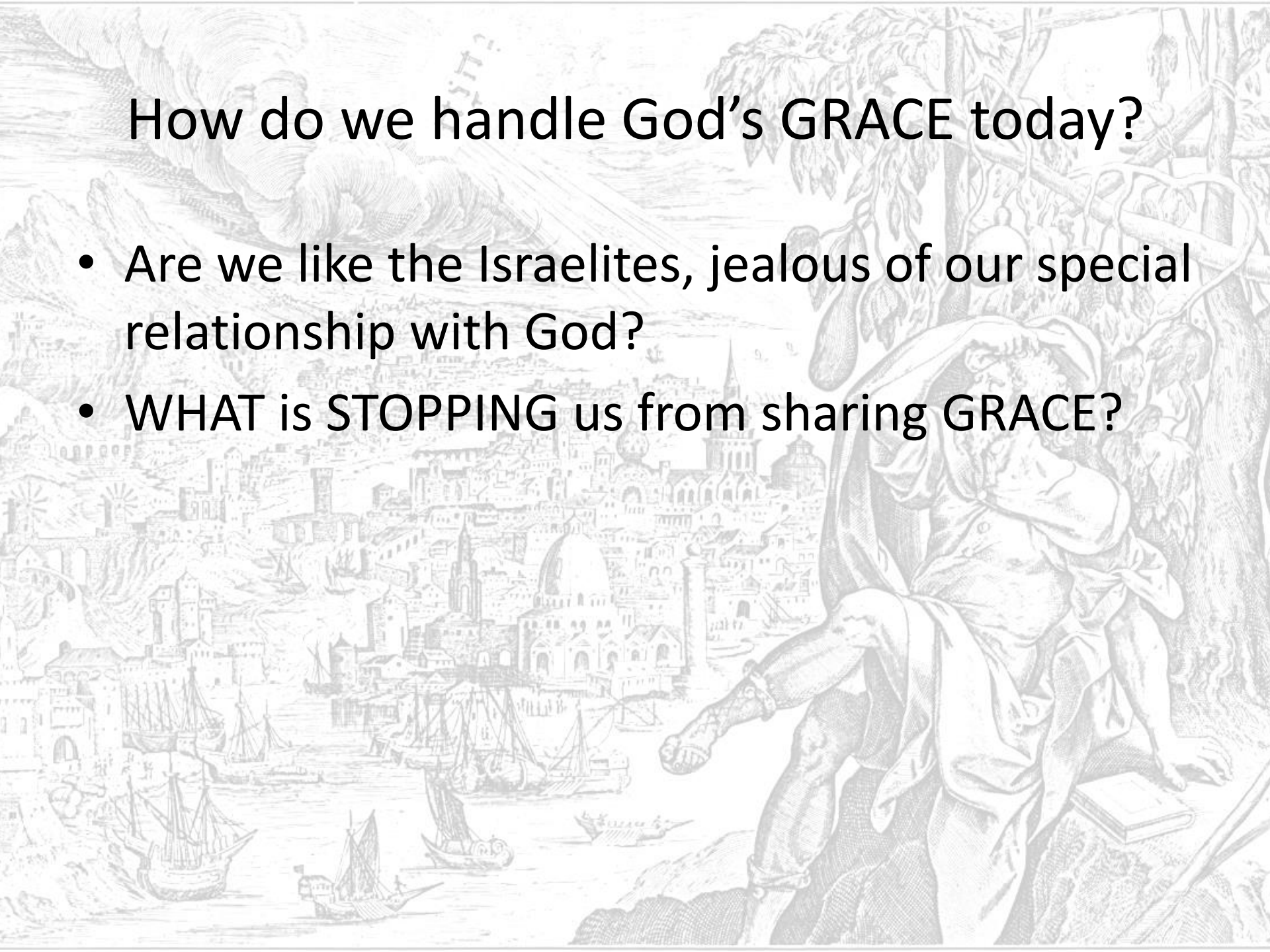


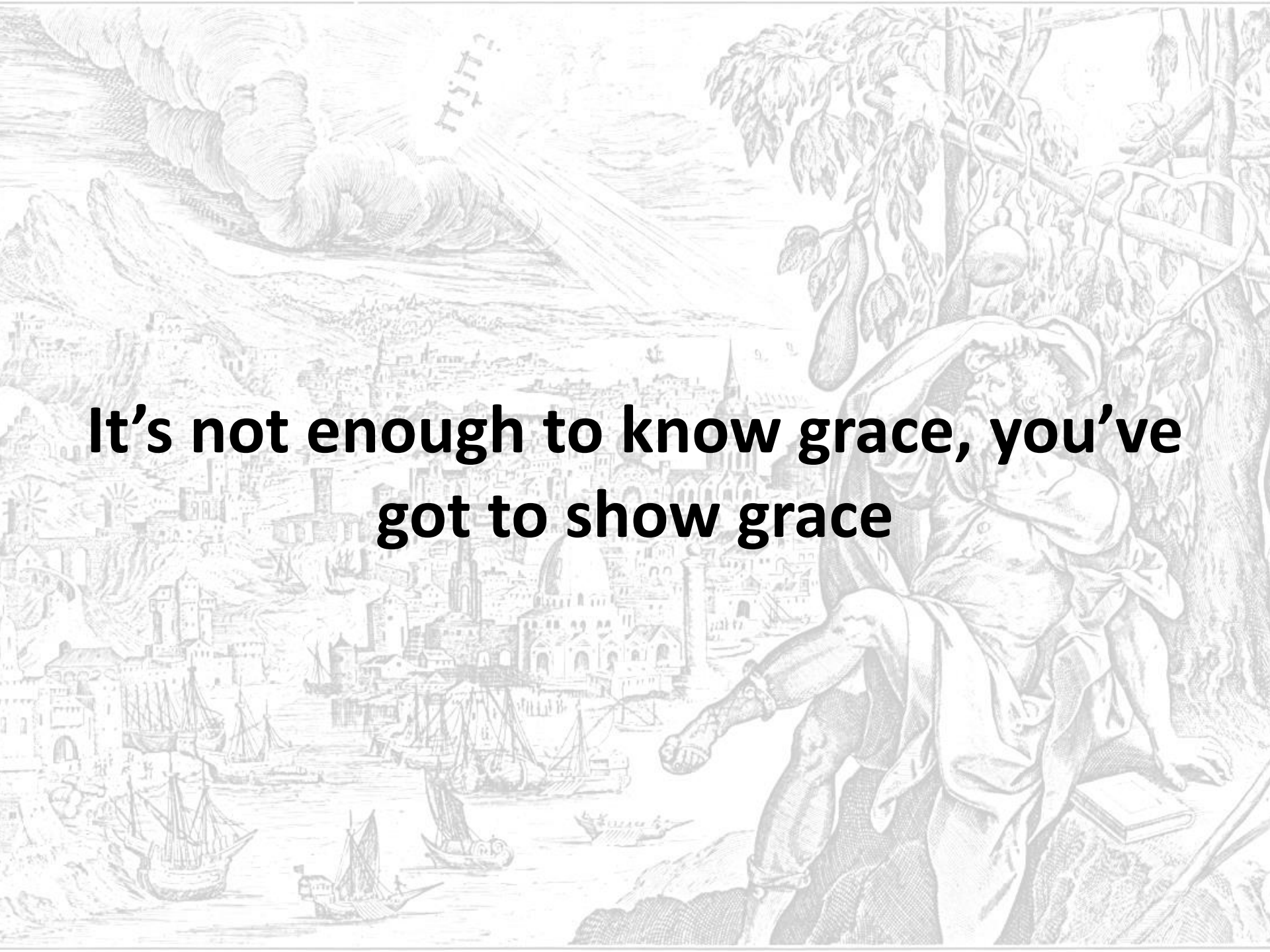
Jonah 2:9

***"What I have vowed I will make good,
SALVATION COMES FROM THE LORD!"***

How do we handle God's GRACE today?

- Are we like the Israelites, jealous of our special relationship with God?
- **WHAT** is **STOPPING** us from sharing GRACE?



A detailed black and white engraving. In the foreground on the right, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a long robe and a hood, is seated on a rocky outcrop. He is looking down at a book resting on the ground next to him. A sword lies on the ground near his feet. Behind him is a large, leafy tree with several round fruits hanging from its branches. In the background, a vast landscape unfolds, featuring a large city with numerous buildings, towers, and a prominent church with a tall spire. A river or bay flows through the city, with several large sailing ships and smaller boats on the water. In the upper left, a large, billowing cloud is visible, with a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, shining through it, casting rays across the sky. The overall style is that of a 17th or 18th-century engraving.

**It's not enough to know grace, you've
got to show grace**



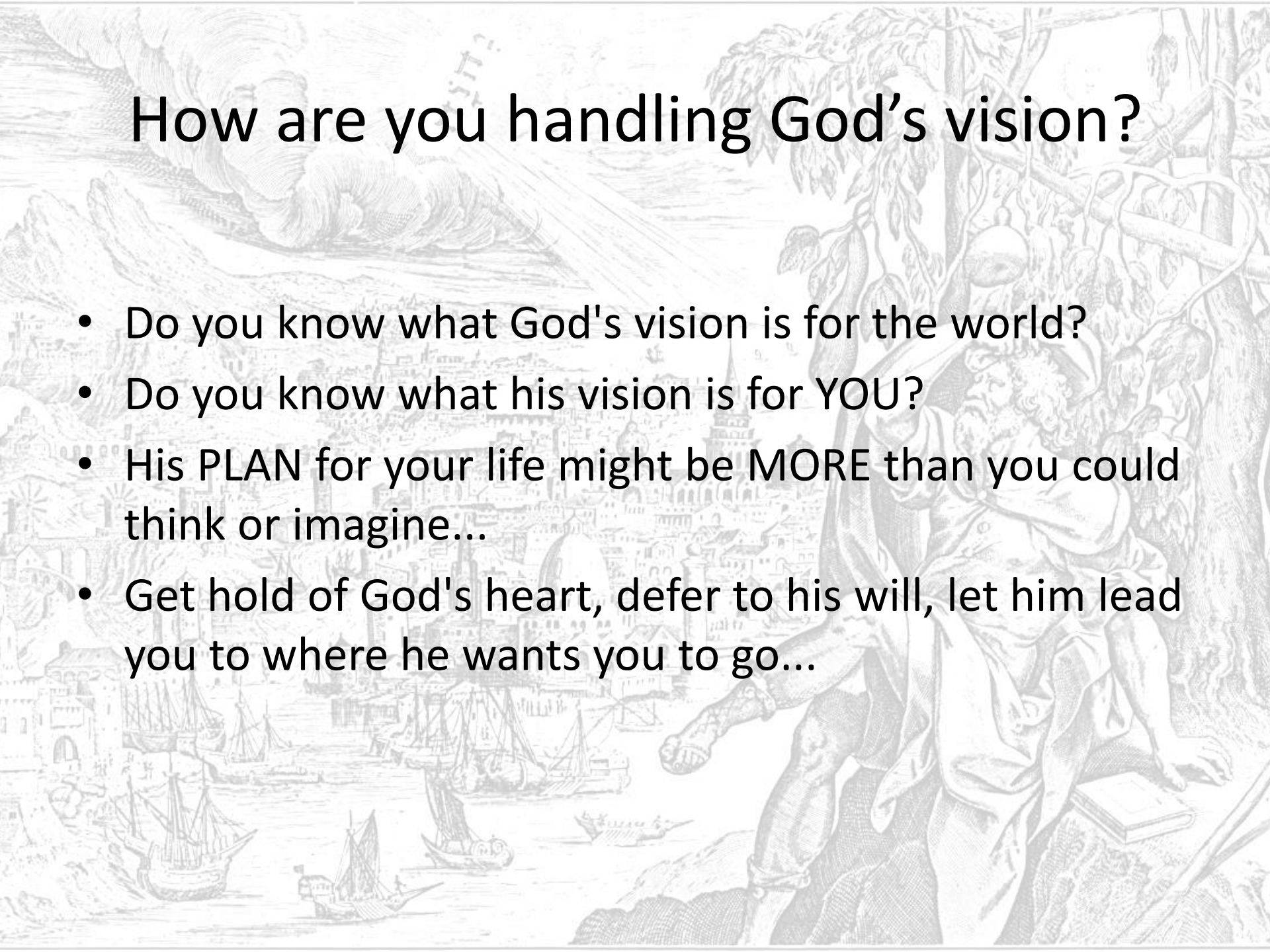
Jonah Knew God's VISION



**GOD is in the habit of BURSTING
YOUR COMFORT BUBBLE**

How are you handling God's vision?

- Do you know what God's vision is for the world?
- Do you know what his vision is for YOU?
- His PLAN for your life might be MORE than you could think or imagine...
- Get hold of God's heart, defer to his will, let him lead you to where he wants you to go...



SUMMARY

- MAKE God the FOUNDATION of your life
- Be prepared to share God's grace with everyone you meet
- Resolve to KNOW God's will for your life and walk the path

