



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

YOM KIPPUR: A WHALE OF A TALE!

ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON WE READ THE BOOK OF YONAH. THE MAIN THEME OF THE STORY IS **TESHUVA** – REPENTANCE, WHICH MAKES IT APPROPRIATE FOR YOM KIPPUR. BUT IT'S NOT JUST A FAIRY TALE ABOUT A WHALE. YONAH'S BEHAVIOUR THROUGHOUT THE EPISODE GIVES US PLENTY TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE DEAL WITH CHALLENGES AND GOD IN OUR OWN LIFE. AND WHAT BETTER TIME THAN YOM KIPPUR TO REFLECT ON THIS?



HAVE YOU EVER FELT OVERWHELMED BY THE ENORMITY OF A TASK? WHAT DID YOU DO ABOUT IT?



THE BOAT IS FRANTIC IN THE MIGHTY STORM BUT YONAH GOES TO SLEEP. HAVE YOU EVER USED SLEEP TO ESCAPE FROM SOMETHING?



RELUCTANTLY, YONAH CARRIES OUT HIS MISSION/TASK WITH THE PEOPLE OF NINVEH. HAVE YOU EVER DONE SOMETHING BECAUSE YOU HAD TO, NOT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO?

WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF? WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN FEARS? DO YOU FACE THEM OR ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?

IS IT RIGHT TO SAY SORRY IF YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY SORRY?



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH GOD?

ARE YOU OPEN TO HEARING WHAT GOD MIGHT BE TELLING YOU?



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