

A group of people in colorful athletic gear (green, blue, pink, orange) are running on a track. The word "Faith" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the word "Faith" is a horizontal red line.

Faith

ON THE RUN

**Their stories are all
the same...**

**They Ran from God
God Came Looking
They were “Restored”
God Used Them**



Four Lives...Five Questions!

Who are they?

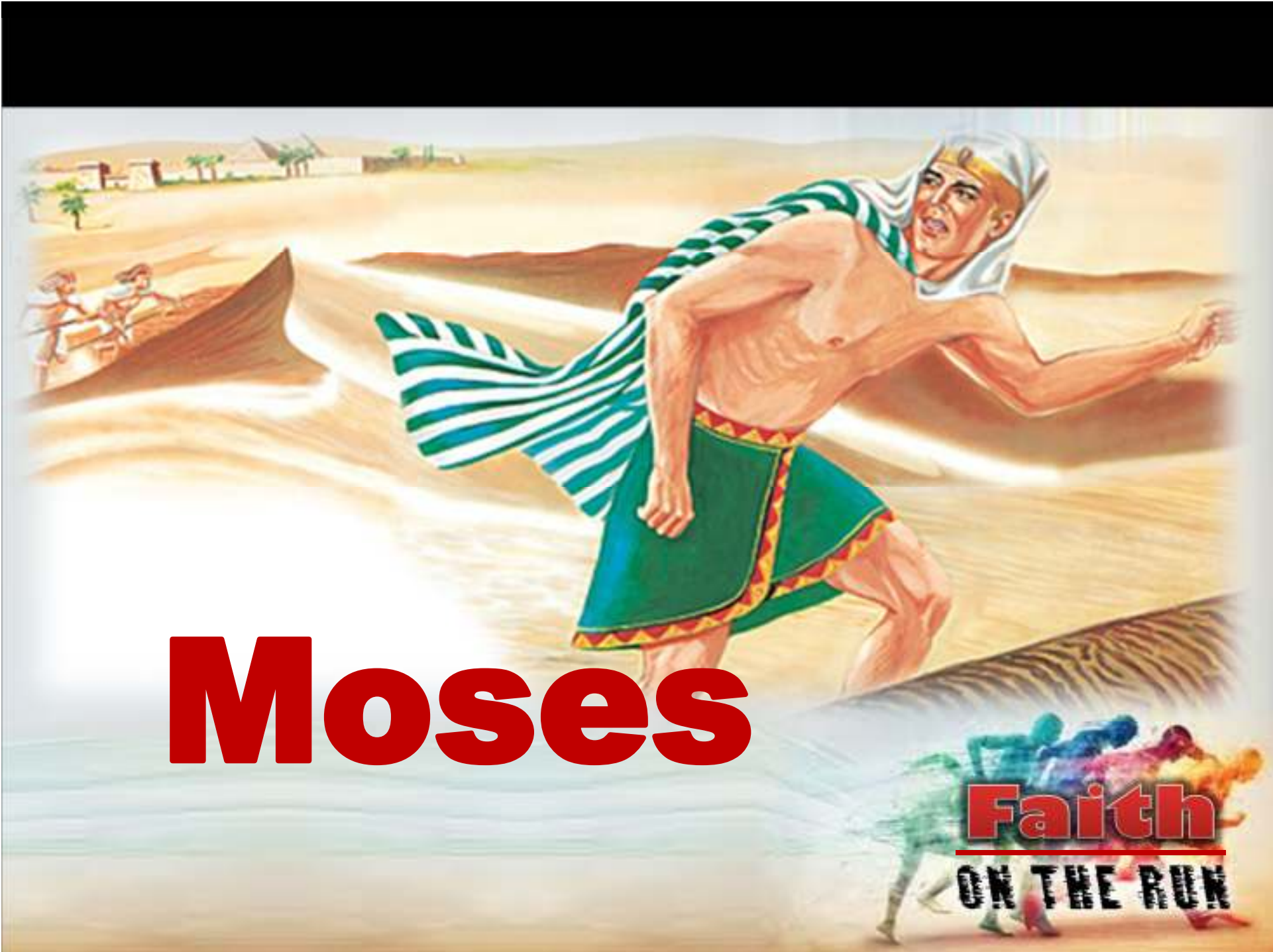
Why did they run?

How did God Pursue them?

How did He “restore” them?

How did God use them?





Moses

Faith

ON THE RUN



Jonah

Faith
ON THE RUN

The Book of Jonah



Examples

Psalms are music

**Much of the old testament was
done to record history**

Paul wrote letters to churches

**Luke and Acts were
written to one man
(Acts 1:1)**



What About the Book of Jonah?



Who is He?

**A historical prophet
(2 Kings 14:23-25)**

**He was a man
that was given
a mission
(Jonah 1:1-3)**



Why Did He Run?

Go to Nineveh

The capital of Assyria

These people were the enemy

They were known to be cruel

Not Going to Happen

Went the wrong way

Went the wrong method



How did God Pursue him?

A Storm (Jonah 1:4)

Jonah's Response

Jonah 1:5 (Indifference)

Jonah 1:12 (Defiant)



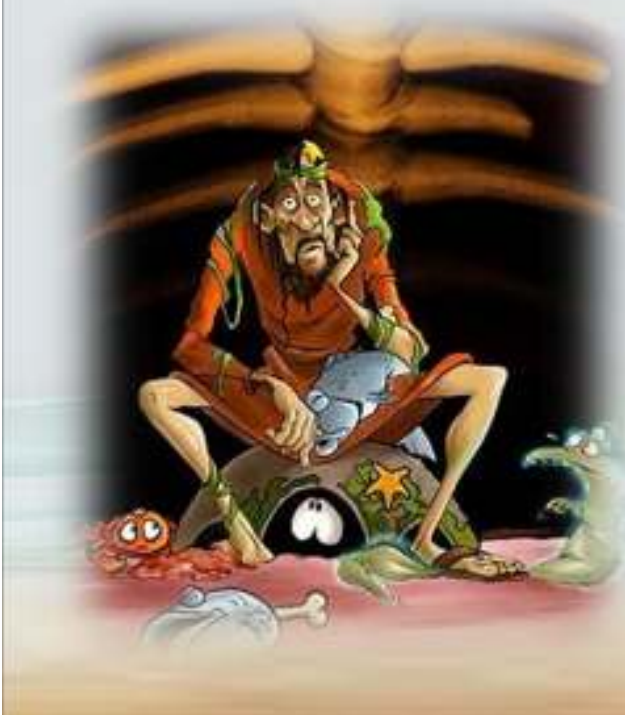
How did God Pursue him?

A Fish (Jonah 1:17)

Jonah's Response

Prayed (Jonah 2:1)

Promised (Jonah 2:9)



How did God Pursue him?

A Second Chance (Jonah 3:1)

Jonah's Response

**He went -- physically
(Jonah 3:3)**

**He Preached
(Jonah 3:4)**



How did God Pursue him?

A Leafy Plant (Jonah 4:6)

A Worm (Jonah 4:7)

A Scorching East Wind (Jonah 4:8)



How was he Restored?

(Jonah 4:10-11)

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”



How did God use him?

**His message did bring the people of
Nineveh back to God**

**Along the way he did lead some
sailors to worship God**

**He did manage to get a book named
after himself in the Bible**



He became a great object lesson for Jesus (Matthew 12:39-41)

He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.



What a Waste



**The reality is we never
hear from Jonah again**



Stop Running...

**Jonah's Run produced
result for God's Kingdom
but never a heart for
God's people**

