

# ON THE RUN

## On the Run: Jonah 5

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**"This one thing will be the proof of who I am! This one thing will vindicate everything I have done, said and claimed!"**

The sign of Jonah (Matthew 12:38-41; a.k.a. Jonah 5)

Did Jonah live or die in the belly of the whale? (Jonah 2)

Thoughts:

- Acts 26:8
- But we've always been taught that the miracle of Jonah was...

**The one thing:** the miracle of Jonah is not deliverance, it is resurrection!

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## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Matthew 12:40.
- What is the proof you want from God?
- Read the book of Jonah out loud one more time.
- Be one who says "yes" to the next generation!

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### 1 KEEPING IT REAL

Have you ever asked God to prove Himself to you (implying if He doesn't, you will reject Him)?

### 2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

Why do you think asking Jesus to prove Himself is compared to wickedness and adultery (Matthew 12:38-39 & 16:4; Luke 11:29)?

3 What explanation do you think Jesus would give for not explaining exactly what He meant by "the sign of Jonah?" How is leaving things open-ended often better than clarification?

### 4 TAKING IT FURTHER

Share with someone else how God has proven Himself in your life. How does this differ from demanding proof (as in Matthew 12)?