

**Running From
the Throne
*Is Jesus King
of Your Life?***

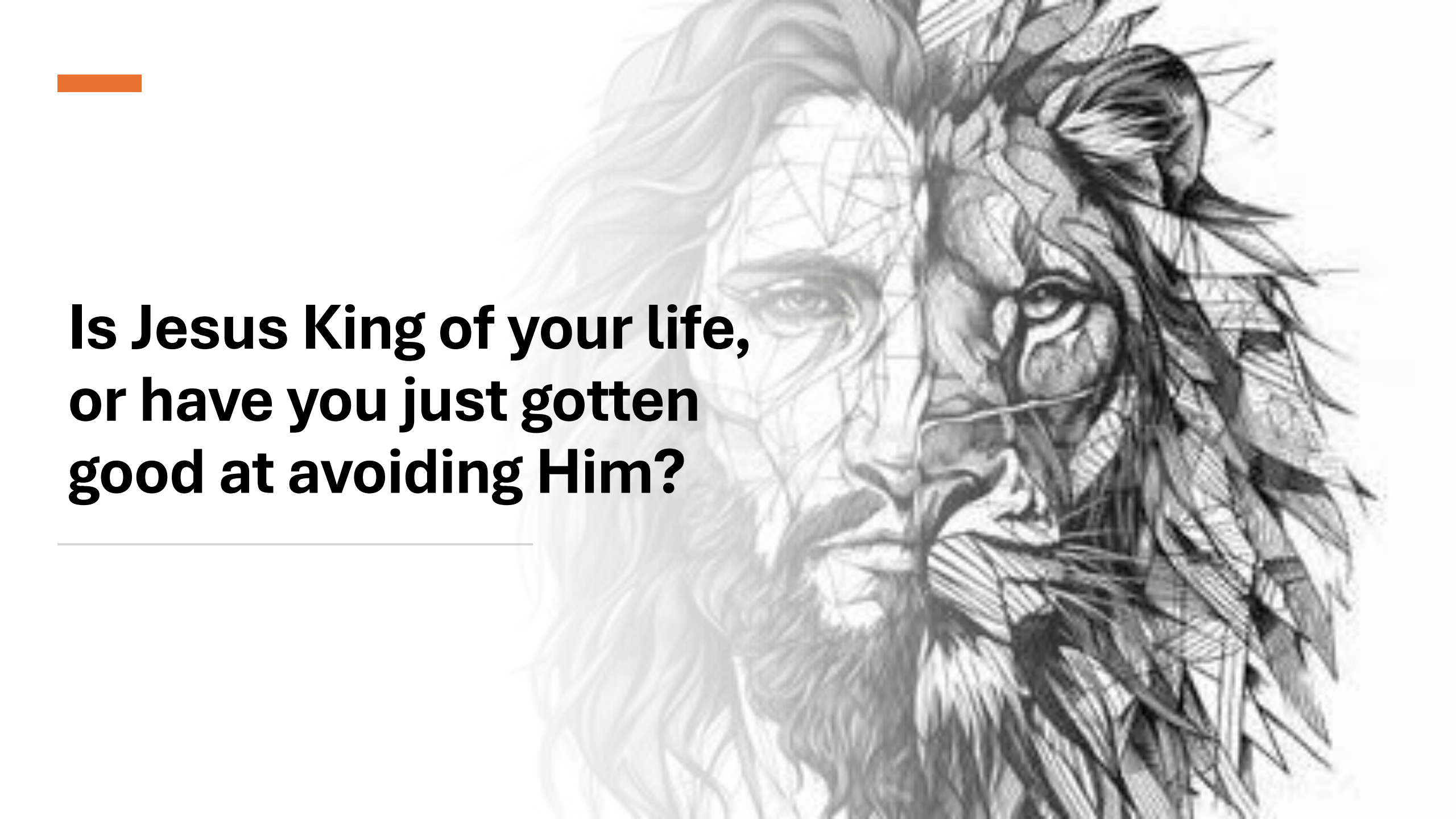


Hakuna Matata Isn't a Kingdom Plan

Simba runs from his identity behind a carefree 'no worries' philosophy

— many of us do the same with God, quietly avoiding His claim on our lives.





**Is Jesus King of your life,
or have you just gotten
good at avoiding Him?**



Running: Jonah and the Boat to Tarshish

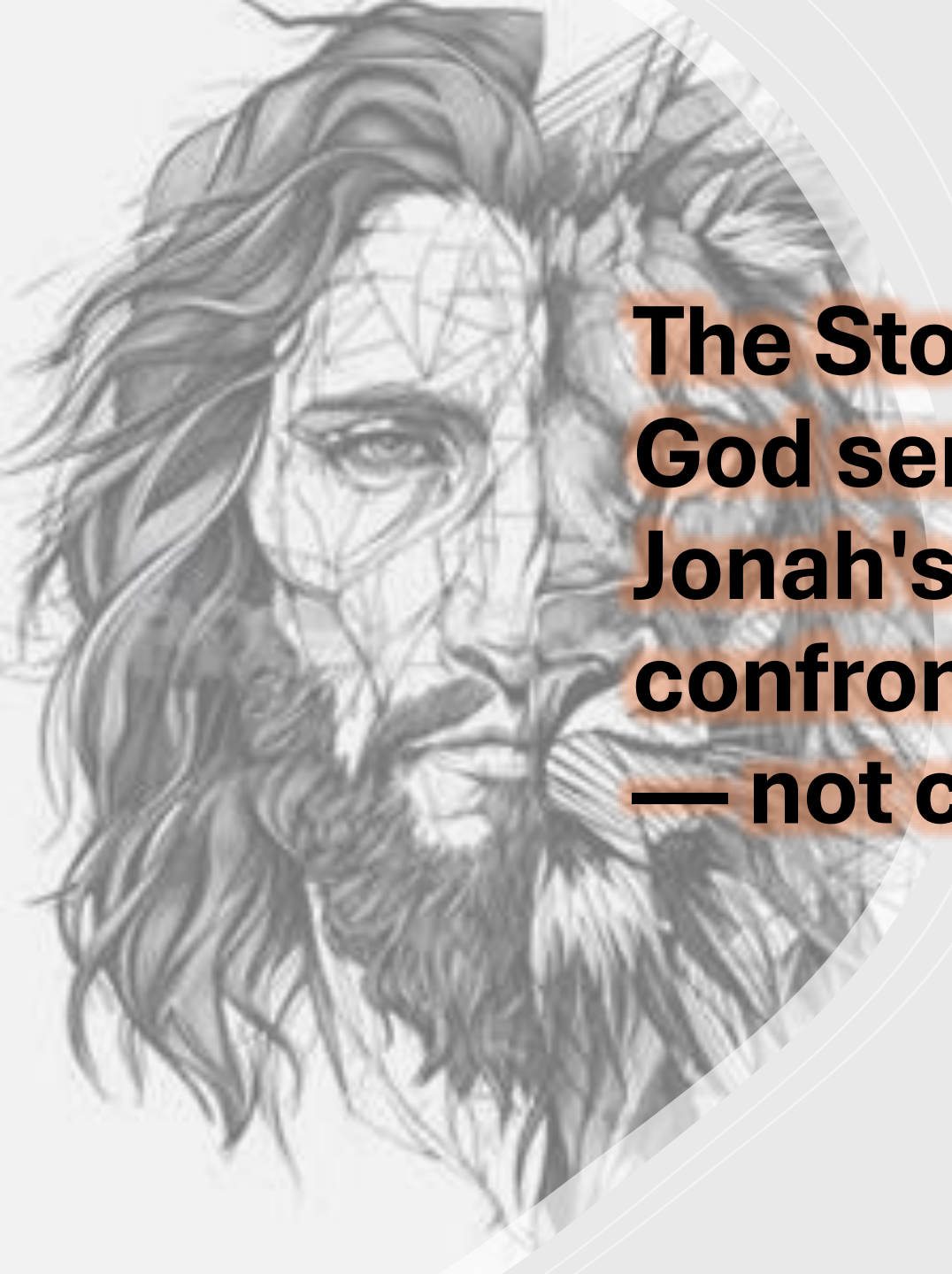


**God calls Jonah to
Nineveh, but he flees
toward Tarshish
instead
— running from a
good but costly
calling.**

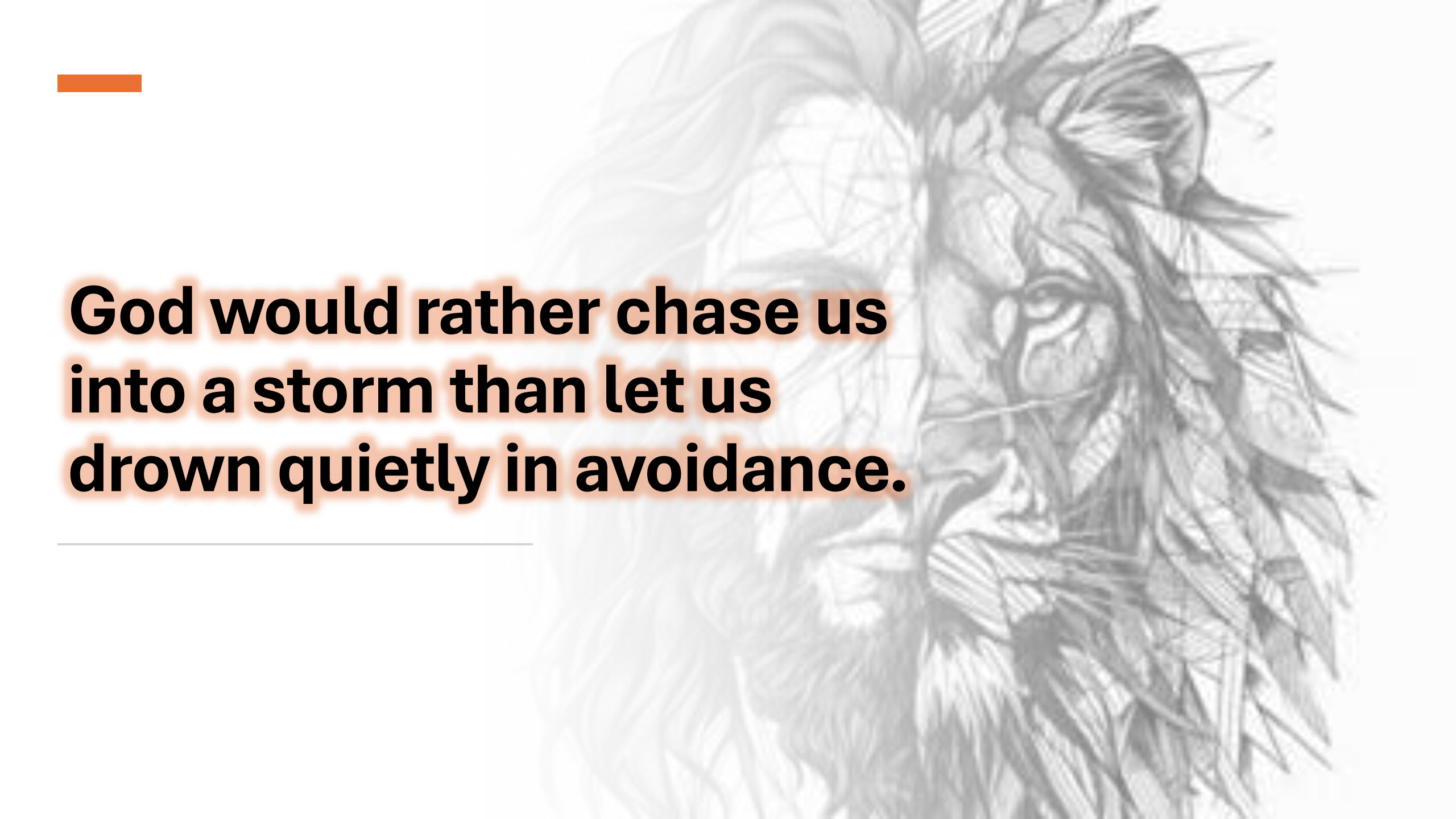




Running from God always costs something, even when it looks like freedom.



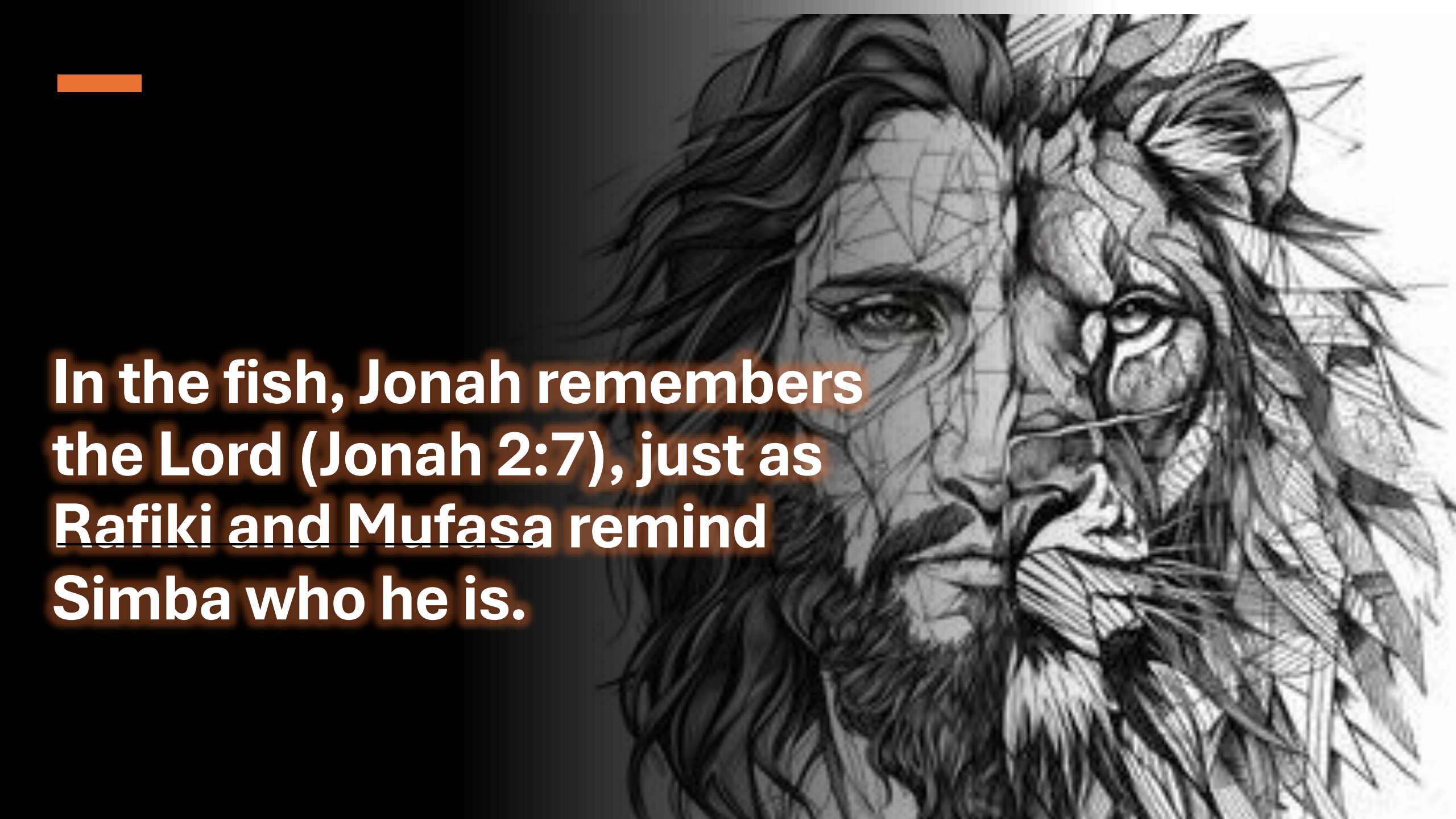
**The Storm We Can't Outrun
God sends a storm to interrupt
Jonah's escape, just as Nala's
confrontation interrupts Simba's
— not cruelty, but mercy.**



**God would rather chase us
into a storm than let us
drown quietly in avoidance.**

Remembering Who You Are



A black and white illustration of two faces, one human and one lion, with a fish on the right. The human face on the left has a grid-like pattern over it. The lion's face on the right is partially obscured by a fish. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**In the fish, Jonah remembers
the Lord (Jonah 2:7), just as
Rafiki and Mufasa remind
Simba who he is.**



**In Christ, you are
not defined by your
worst decision or
your wandering
season.**





**Coming Back to Pride
Rock
God calls Jonah "a
second time" (Jonah
3:1), and Simba returns
to Pride Rock — proof
that second chances
are real.**



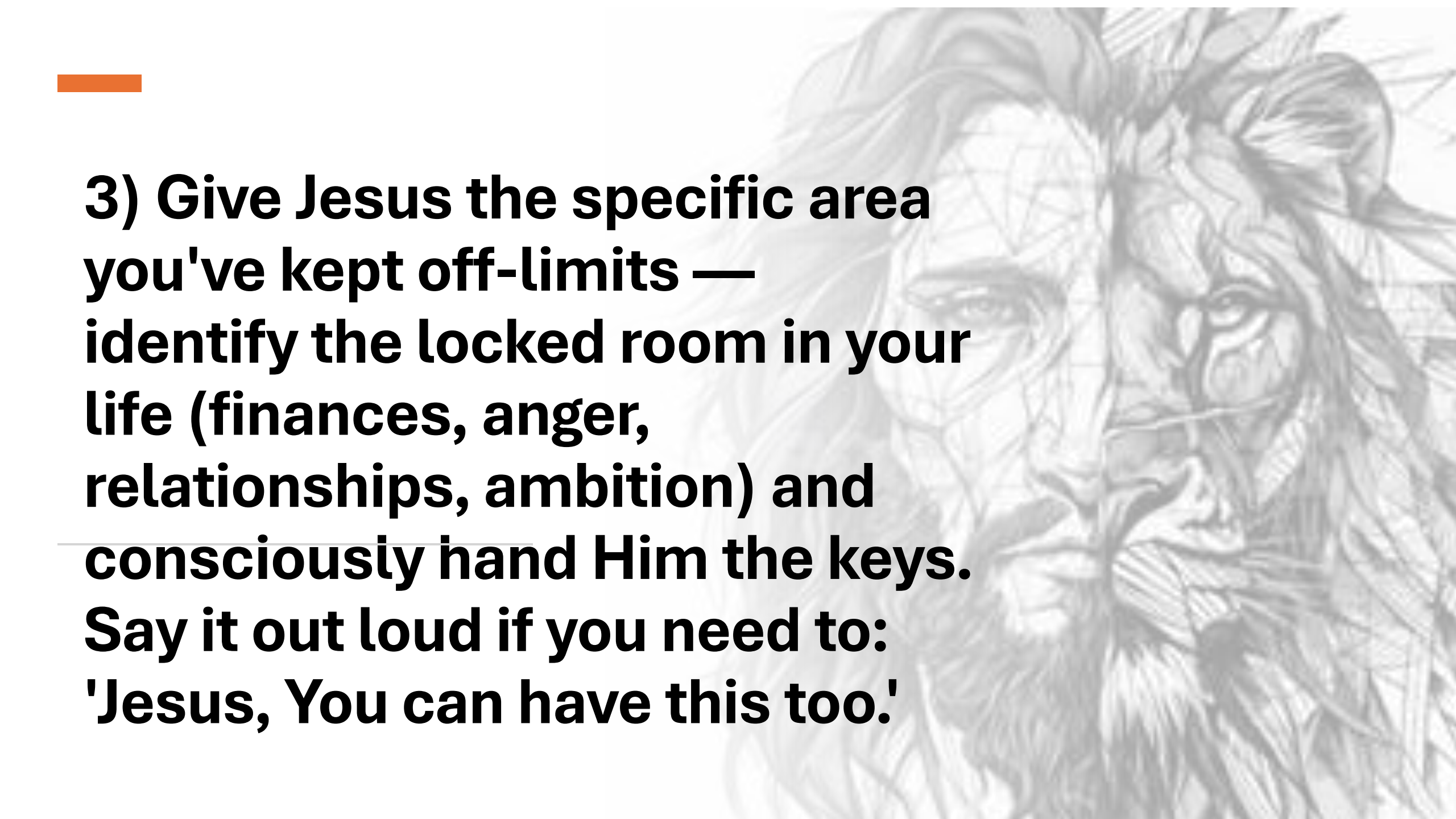
**Surrender isn't defeat;
it's finding the life you
were created for.**



**Three Challenges: Stop
Running, Start
Surrendering
Name what you're
running from — be
specific with
yourself and God;
you cannot
surrender what you
refuse to name.**



2) Take one step of obedience, even a small one — God asked Jonah to go and preach one message, not fix all of Nineveh alone; do the next right thing, not the whole thing.



3) Give Jesus the specific area you've kept off-limits — identify the locked room in your life (finances, anger, relationships, ambition) and consciously hand Him the keys. Say it out loud if you need to: 'Jesus, You can have this too.'