The Hound of Heaven and Gentile Salvation

God sovereignly turns Jonah's disobedience into an unexpected opportunity of salvation for Gentile sailors.

JONAH

The Gospel Paradox: Disobedience and Grace

God turns the clash of human disobedience into an unexpected windfall of saving grace for Gentile outsiders.

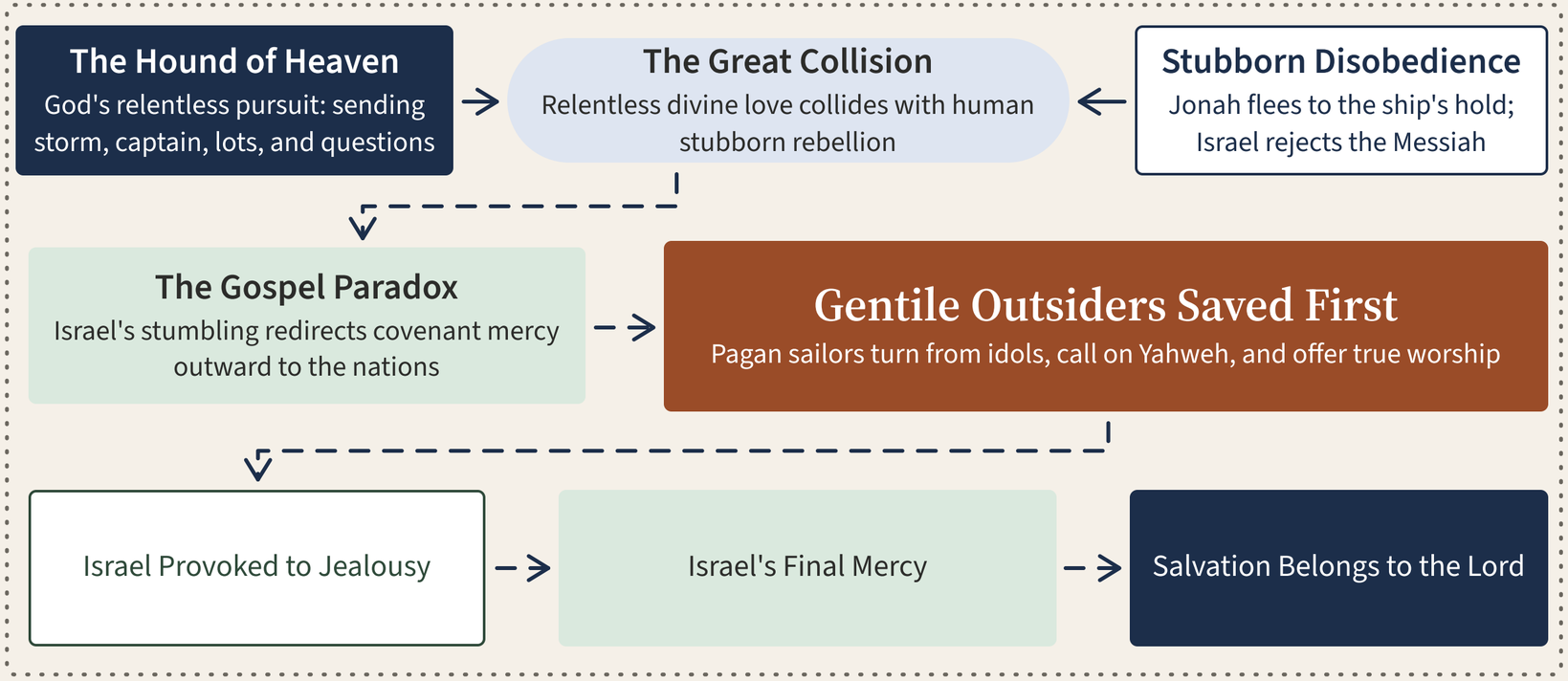
PARABLE OF MEDICAL SIDE EFFECTS

Targeted Disease Treatment
Botulinum toxin for eye spasms; protein injection for diabetes

Unexpected Side Effect
Facial wrinkles smoothed; significant weight reduction observed

Blockbuster Breakthrough
A toxic byproduct becomes a breakthrough healing for millions

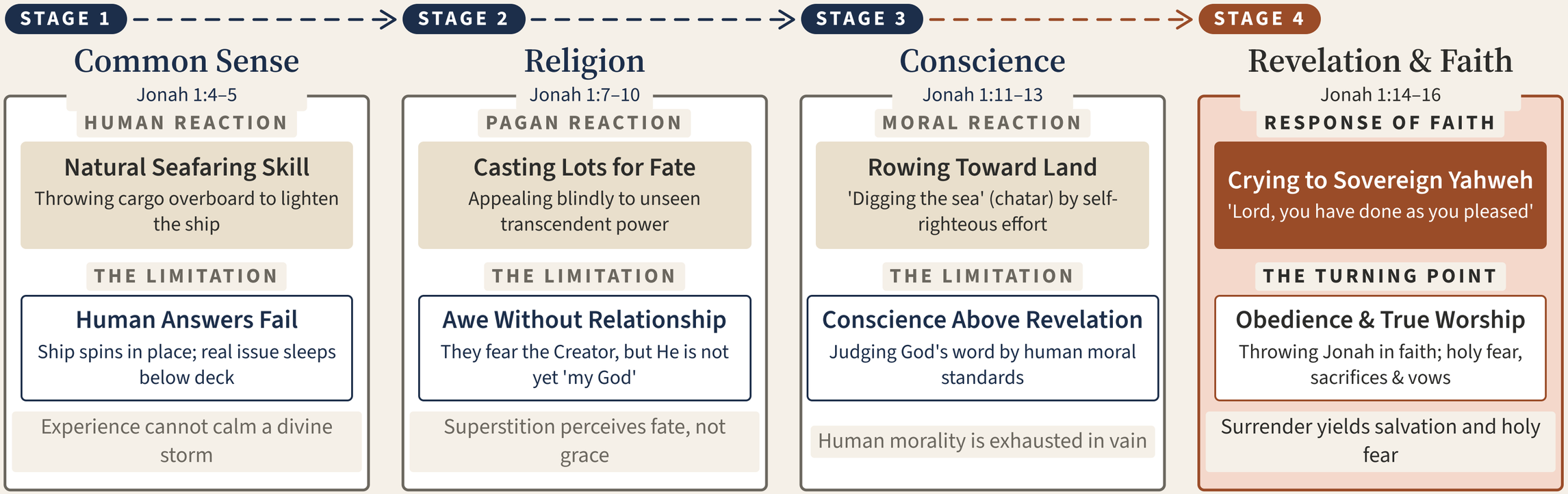
THE PRINCIPLE OF EOBUJIRI (어부지리)
An unexpected third party benefits while two others clash



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Four Reactions in the Storm

The sailors journey through common sense, religion, and conscience to reach the response of revelation and true faith.



Word Study: Chatar (חָתַר)

The Hebrew verb for rowing literally means digging the ground, showing the futility of human effort against God's storm.



Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, Lord, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for shedding innocent blood. Lord, you have done as you pleased."

Jonah 1:14 · NIV

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The Growth of Holy Fear: Gadol

God uses the great storm and dread to lead pagan sailors to reverent worship of the great Lord.

גָּדוֹל (GADOL) · Great, Immense, Mighty

The Pattern of Grace: God Turns Worldly Terror into Saving Reverence

1 JONAH 1:2

The Great City

גָּדוֹל · City of Nineveh

Jonah flees God's call to confront Nineveh's great evil, running from the Lord's presence.

REBELLION & FLEEING

2 JONAH 1:4

The Great Tempest

גָּדוֹל · Wind on the Sea

God hurls a violent tempest. Human skill and pagan prayers fail to calm it.

TERROR OF THE STORM

3 JONAH 1:10

The Great Dread

גָּדוֹל · Dread of the Men

Jonah reveals the Maker of heaven and sea. Dread of God grips the crew.

DREAD OF GOD'S POWER

4 JONAH 1:16

The Great Reverence

גָּדוֹל · Holy Fear of Yahweh

The raging sea is stilled. Pagan sailors offer sacrifices and vows to Yahweh.

SAVING FEAR & WORSHIP

From Fearing the Storm to Fearing the Lord · Surrendered Worship Replaces Human Control

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