

July 17, 2016
Jonah 2:1-10

JONAH: RUNNING TO GOD

I. Introduction:

True Story of James Bartley being swallowed by a whale

II. A Look At The Passage:

A. Jonah's _____ to the Lord

2 ¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said. "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breaker swept over me." Jonah 2:1-3

B. Jonah's _____ Faith in the Lord

⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'
⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. ⁷ "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸ "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. ⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good, I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'" Jonah 2:4-9

C. Jonah's _____ by the Lord

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land." Jonah 2:10

III. Conclusion and Application:

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of July 17th to 23rd
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Open It

1. What is your idea of the perfect "get away from all your troubles" location?
2. What good or bad thoughts do you associate with fish?
3. *When have you been rescued from a difficult situation?

Explore It

4. What did God tell Jonah to do? (1:1-2)
5. *How did Jonah respond to God? (1:3)
6. What happened at sea? (1:4-5)

7. What was Jonah's condition as the storm raged? (1:5-6)
8. What did the sailors do? (1:7)
9. How did Jonah respond to the sailors' barrage of questions? (1:8-9)
10. What made the men terrified? (1:10)
11. How did the sailors appeal to Jonah? (1:11)
12. Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea? (1:12)
13. What happened following Jonah's penitent admission? (1:13-16)
14. What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah? (1:17)
15. *Once inside the fish, how did Jonah respond to God's rescue? (2:1-9)
16. What was Jonah's attitude toward God? (2:7-9)
17. *How did God finally deliver Jonah? (2:10)

Get It

18. When have you not wanted to obey God?
19. When has God called you to serve Him in ways that were unattractive or unpleasant to you?
20. What rebellious attitudes have you ever had toward the Lord?

21. What opportunities do you have to tell others about faith in Christ?
22. What are your feelings toward the unbelievers around you?
23. *How has God pursued you when you have tried to avoid Him?
24. *When have bad circumstances turned out for your good?
25. How do you feel when you know that you are being obedient to the Lord's call?

Apply It

26. What can you do to respond with obedience to God the next time you must do something good but unpleasant?
27. How can you share the gospel with others at work? among your family? among your neighbors?
28. *How do you want to thank the Lord right now for all the remarkable ways He has delivered you?