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Jonah 2:1-10

FAITHFUL GOD & THE FAITHLESS PROPHET

Jonah....

- Has disobeyed a direct commandment, left God's presence, ran the opposite way from God, and has been apathetic falling asleep during a storm.

Yet the LORD, our God....

- Listens to our prayers no matter where we are at. (Jonah 2:2)
- Answers prayer even when we don't answer His call. (Jonah 2)
- Is good, in control even when bad things happen to us. (Genesis 50:20)
- Is slow in anger, abounding in love, (Psalms 145:8-9)

Jonah 2:1 // Psalms 145:8-9

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Eventually, after 3 days and 3 nights of being in the belly of the fish Jonah finally gets to the end of himself. Grace has surprised him, which has caused a massive change in his perspective. Seeing God for who He is and what He's done will lead to repentance.

We see that Jonah knows the Word, just has been ignoring or forgetting it. He starts praying scripture and shows us the importance of "storing the Word in our hearts." Because he now has an accurate view of God, instead of running from Him, he wants to worship in His presence.

**Repentance will not make you see Christ,
but to see Christ will give you repentance.**

- Charles Spurgeon

TURNED AROUND RIGHT

In Jonah 2:10 we see God reinstate His prophet by having the fish vomit him out. Jonah has been surprised by grace and is now ready to proclaim the goodness of God. Today, maybe you've been running or been "sleeping." He can reinstate you too.

- Are you currently "on mission" answering God's calling in your life?
- Are you seeing God as a good God or someone to run from?
- Are you currently apathetic towards the mission God has for your life?

Jonah 2:10 // John 21:15-19



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Acts 3:19

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our kids' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security.

Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM** here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Jonah 2:1-10**. Is there anything that stood out to you from these verses or was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Like the story Eric shared on Sunday, are there parts of scripture that we find "fishy" or hard to believe? Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, **Psalms 12:6**, **Psalm 19:7**, and **Proverbs 30:5**. Spend time discussing your doubts and help point one another to God's truths. _____

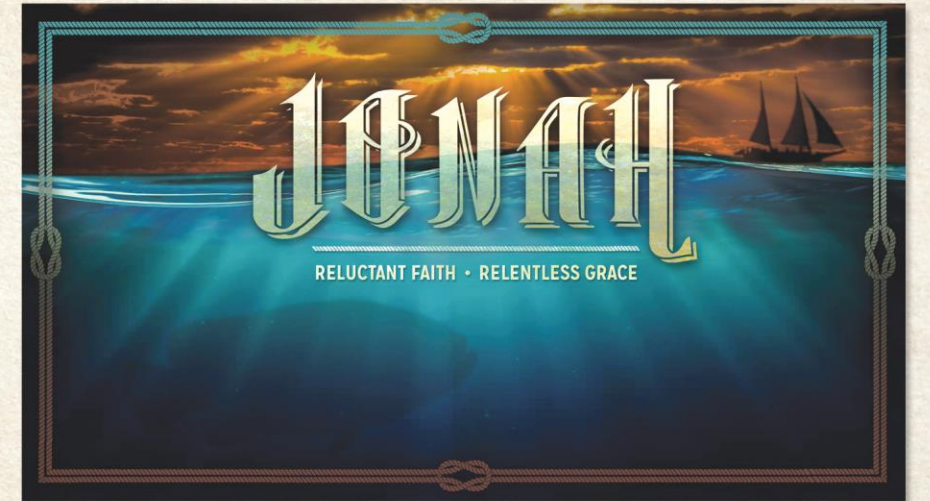
Read Jonah 2:1-2 again. Do you believe God hears you when you call out to him? Read **Jonah 2:2**, **Psalm 18:3-6**, **Psalm 34:17**, and **Psalm 86:5-7**. _____

Like Jonah, have you ever run from the Lord? Is God calling you into something but you are running the opposite way? What are you running to instead? Comfort? Control? Money? Time? Something else? _____

Jonah 2:1 says, "Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish." When you pray do you think of God as *your* God? Or just God? Explain. _____



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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