

Jonah 2 – Preaching notes

“I’m In Here – He delivered me”

Illustration – Swindoll – NYC, plane, landing gear trouble, emergency, foam, seconds before, “in accordance with the aviation codes of the Geneva, my obligation to inform you that if you believe in God you should pray NOW!

- Many people pray in desperate times

Jonah’s Despair (2:1-2)

- Cries to God for help, screams
- Turns to God in prayer/praise – in difficulty recognizes his need to get right with God
- Prayer is actually praise poetry

Psalm 18:1-6 – “I love you, LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield^(b) and the horn^(c) of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice;

my cry came before him, into his ears.”

- **Illustration – young man, call 911, heart, drugs, ambulance, sin too great – Never!**

- Illustration – storm Texas, Christian presence
- What do you do when you feel there is no way out? Swallowed up by circumstances in life? Do you turn to God or run from Him? Jonah thought he could get away with disobedience. God had to remind him who is in control.

Jonah's Dedication (1:12, 2:3-7) – heart , mind, strength

- He knows God's hand is upon him – sin (1:12)
- He looks to the Lord – temple (4,7), remembered (7), prayer (Slide)
- He vows to God - sacrifice to God (9), obey
- **Matthew 3:8** – “⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” – John to the religious leaders (Slide)
- **Here we see Jonah's repentance & his determination to change**
 - Admitting we are wrong is hard, but necessary part of committing ourselves to God
 - Ex. Karen Wallis – baptism June – “my mom would be so proud of me” – she knew she needed to get right with God
 - Illustration - Cottage: cliffs, mother, “just not yet dance”
 - Are we fully invested in God?
 - What may be keeping you/us from fully committing
 - Jonah – fear. Us?

- We do not have the time to wait – we need to fully commit now!
- Crisis – airplane, hurricane, world – NOW pray!

Jonah's Deliverance (2:7-10)

(Sensed God's way of delivering Him was being swallowed up by the fish/whale)

- Only God can deliver him (2:7-9, 1:5)
 - near east supreme God was master of the sea – their appeal was to their highest god, not good enough! (1:5)
- Only God can save him (vs.9) no others
- Only God could use a fish to save a nation!
- **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** – “You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”
 - **This church understood God only saves, now and eternally. “Suffering” “Idols” with**

joy, turning to God, waiting for Jesus to come back to deliver them

- **We need to be this kind of people, sees God as the only way – joyful in struggles, turning to God from other stuff – know Like Jonah that God listens and answers our prayers (2), rescues us (6)**
- **Excited to know that our eternity is with Him – praise God! “song of thanksgiving” (9)**

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“Deliver Me”

Jonah's _____ (2:1-2)

- _____ out to God, “ _____ ”
- Jonah _____ to God
- Psalm 18:6
 - How good are we at turning to God?

Jonah's _____ (1:12, 2:3-7)

- He _____ God's hand upon Him
- He _____ to the Lord (4,7)
- He _____ to God (9)
- Matthew 3:8
 - Are we fully invested in God?

Jonah's _____ (2:7-10)

- Only God can _____ him
- Only God can _____ him
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
 - God listens to & and answers us

