

**5.) The Lord commanded the fish to vomit Jonah back onto dry Land! V10**

A. Jonah was shown unmerited grace.

**Closing Questions!**

- 1.) Have you come to your breaking point where you have no other place to turn but God?
- 2.) Are you ready to cry out to the Lord in a cry of desperation?
- 3.) Do you find that your vows to God are more for you or for Him?
- 4.) Who are the three people in your life that you are willing to invest time into, invite, and pray for?

**“Called”  
‘Nowhere to run!’  
Jonah 2**

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“The depth of our prayers is usually in direct proportion to the depth of our agony. When we are driven to the edge of despair we find ourselves storming the gates of heaven with a boldness, an intensity and a power we never knew we had.<sup>1</sup>”-Bob Marcaurelle

**1.) Jonah got to where he was because of his own doing!  
V1**

- A. Jonah got to where he was because of running away from the Lord!
- B. Jonah was equally in the belly of the fish because of God's faithfulness!
- C. It was easy for the Lord to be Jonah's God when he had nowhere else to turn.

**2.) Jonah's prayer came out of a cry of desperation! 2-3**

- A. He called out to the Lord! V2
  - a. Jonah knew he had nowhere else to turn but the Lord.
  - b. This was a cry of desperation!
    1. Hos. 5:15
- B. Jonah felt as though he was in the grasp of death!

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<sup>1</sup> Bob Marcaurelle, *Outline Studies in Jonah and Amos*, vol. 16, Expository Preaching through the Old Testament (WORDsearch, 2015), 46.

- a. SHEOL (שְׁאוֹל, sh'wl). The ancient Hebrew realm of the dead.
- b. • Genesis 37:35: Jacob wishes to join Joseph in death, saying: "I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning."
- c. • 2 Samuel 12:23: David calls it the land of no return as he mourns his son.

C. Jonah had a mixed understanding. V3

- a. Yes the sailors tossed him in, yes God caused the sea to rise, but Jonah was also tossed into the sea because of his disobedience to God.
- b. Sometimes we give God credit for things that we need to take responsibility for.
- c. We see Jonah starting to get a sense of the weight of what he had done.

**3.) Jonah's heart starts to have a shift. V4-7**

- A. He misses the presence of God that he ran away from! V4
- B. The life he ran to is killing him and was bringing him into deeper despair! V5
- C. When all hope seemed lost the Lord reached down and rescued Jonah! V6 Psalm 18:7
- D. Jonah remembered the Lord as his life was fading and his prayer was lifted into God's temple!
  - a. The Lord was gracious to the ungracious prophet.

**4.) Jonah repents? 8-9**

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 2:8-9

A. Jonah had turned away from the Lord to cling to his idols! V8

- a. What were his idols?
  1. Pride
  2. Anger
  3. Selfishness
  4. Entitlement
  5. Nationalism

B. Jonah is still in the belly of the fish and is willing to sacrifice to the Lord with shouts of praise. V9

- a. He was willing to make good on the vows he had made to the Lord!
  1. This does not indicate that he was willing to follow all the commands that the Lord had made for him!
  2. We often Make vows that cost us nothing!
- b. Jonah would go on to declare that salvation comes from the Lord.
  1. This time it would come from a more personal experience!

C. There was still nothing in Jonah's prayer about the lost people of Nineveh!