



Chapter 2: God's mercy for Jonah
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CHAPTER 1

- Fact or fiction?
- The word of God came to Jonah
- Obedience and mercy
- Jonah rebelled against God
- God brought a storm to bring Jonah back on track
- Jonah was a believer but didn't live like it
- Now in a situation with waves, big waves



AND GOD SAVED JONAH

1:17

17 And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

- God appointed: not a coincidence but Gods providence
- Three days: the end is near...
- But God saves, rescues and redeems



JONAH'S PRAYER

CHAPTER 2

1Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, 2saying, "I called out to the Lord , out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. 3For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.



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4Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'
5The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped
about my head 6at the roots of the mountains. I
went down to the land whose bars closed upon
me forever; yet you brought up my life from the
pit, O Lord my God.



JONAH'S PRAYER

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7When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord , and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. 8Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. 9But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord !” 10And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.



JONAH CALLS OUT TO GOD!

2:1-2

- Have you cried out to the Lord?
- 'Lord: help me, save me!'
- God hears and answers!



GO TO GOD!

2:8

- Where do we try to find our salvation?
- Vain idols, own capabilities, other people?
- Natural instinct: hide away when in trouble or hurting
- The story of Jonah tells us to come and surrender to God
- People in trouble will either grow closer to God or grow apart from Him
- Seeking salvation elsewhere = forsaking His steadfast love (Ex. 34:6-7)

GODS SOVEREIGNTY

2:3, 5-6A

- How do you feel about the idea that God is sovereign over your life and circumstances?
- The point is that we belong to God (Fil. 1:1, 1 Cor. 6:20, Rom. 6:18,22)
- 'Abba Father let me be Yours and Yours alone. May my will forever be ever more Your own'
- How do you feel about God bringing you to your knees in His sovereignty and mercy?



REPENT AND SURRENDER

2:4, 7

- You have a big choice to make! Repent and surrender or anger and bitterness
- We're all in the same boat: Rom. 3:9-31
- Repentance has an element in it that says: *yes, I actually deserve this..'*
- Until we realize we're not competent to run our lives, we're not competent.



GODS FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION 2:6B, 9

- God forgives!
- When have you experienced His forgiveness and rescue?



SO...

- God calls
- God sometimes brings a storm
- To make us surrender
- To forgive us



TO ALSO MAKE US...

- Compassionate, loving, forgiving for...
- Like He was for... you



WHERE HAS GOD PUT YOU?

10 And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.



WHAT IS GODS CALLING FOR IBC?

1. Worshipping God
2. Building believers
3. Sharing Jesus

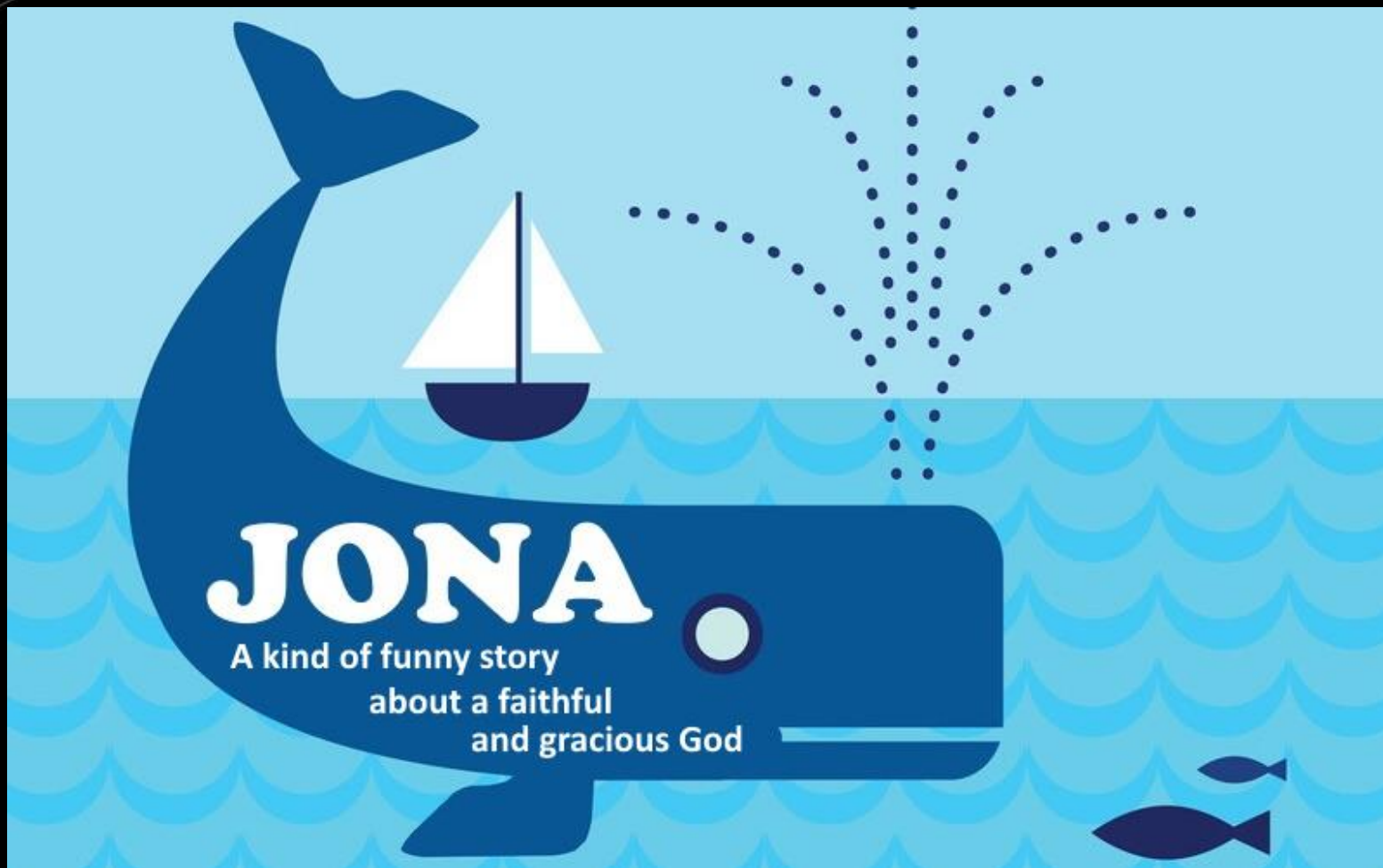


WHY THE STORY MATTERS!

MATT. 12:38-41

39But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.





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A kind of funny story
about a faithful
and gracious God

