

**Date: March 11, 2018**

**Sermon Title: Deadly Storms and Desperate Prayer**

**Speaker: Richard Smith**

**Scripture text(s): Jonah 2:1-10**

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- 1) In what ways can you relate to Jonah's experience in the water?
- 2) While Jonah is fighting for his life in the water he prays desperately. He knew he couldn't rescue himself. Have you ever been in that kind of situation? How did you react in that situation?
- 3) Richard gave us 6 aspects of prayer from the book of Jonah. Which one are you able to relate to the most? Which one seemed most "foreign" to you? Which one are you in the midst of learning right now?
- 4) Richard said that Jonah prayed with confidence. What is your prayer habit? Do you pray with confidence or with doubt? In what ways have you seen God work in your life after a time of confident prayer? What prevents you from praying with confidence?
- 5) Discuss times when you have been at the end of yourself with no resources, no way out, or no conceivable rescue in sight. How did you see God move on your behalf?
- 6) Tell of a time when God answered at the last possible minute.
- 7) Richard taught that God often responds by answering in stages. How have you experienced this? What did you learn during that process?
- 8) How has desperate and confident prayer deepened your love and affection for the Lord?