

IN THE BELLY OF THE FISH!
“Jonah” Series part 2

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM JONAH’S EXPERIENCE

1. _____ IS OUT OF GOD’S REACH

“Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah...” **Jonah 1:17a**

“I waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the sticky mud. He stood me on a rock and made my feet steady.”
Psalm 40:1-2

2. GOD CREATES _____ FOR US.

“...Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” **Jonah 1:17b**

“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.” **Jonah 2:8 (NIV)**

“People who worship useless idols give up their loyalty to you.” **(NCV)**

“Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God’s mercies.” **(NLT)**

“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God...”
Exodus 20:3-5a

Idols (Tim Keller) “anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.”

“... Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” **Psalm 46:10**

3. GOD IS _____ IN OUR _____

“I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever.” **Jonah 2:5-6 (NLT)**

“God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble.” **Psalm 46:1 (NCV)**

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:9**

WHAT DO WE DO?

1. YOU _____

“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. He said, ‘I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and he answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and Lord, you heard me!’ **Jonah 2:1-2**

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” **I John 5:14**

2. _____

Repentance (Eerdmans Bible Dictionary) “In its fullest sense it is a term for a complete change of orientation involving a judgment upon the past and a deliberate redirection for the future.”

“I will never worship anyone but you! For how can I thank you enough for all you have done? I will surely fulfill my promises. For my deliverance comes from the Lord alone.”
Jonah 2:9 (TLB)