JONAH 1:17-2:10

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. 1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying, “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. 3 For 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.
4 Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ 5 The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head 6 at 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. 7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
8 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. 9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!” 10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.
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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JONAH
“While it is commendable that we should carefully examine the authenticity of such tales, there are reasons for caution as we do so. The most important is, of course, that too much discussion about the great fish can divert us from the real issue. The narrative is not really about a fish at all. The fish is only a walk-on part in this gripping drama. Focus on the great fish and we may lose sight of the great God.”

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“After conversion we need bruising so that reeds may know themselves to be reeds, and not oaks.”

Richard Sibbes
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C.S. Lewis
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Could it be that too many of our Lord's servants today are praying for God to bless them when, instead, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ wants to wound them, bruise them, crush them? Too often our prayers consist of "Bless ME, bless ME, bless ME," when they should be "WOUND me, BRUISE me, CRUSH me." In our rush to be successful we have fought off being wounded by God; in our struggle to become somebody we have shied away from God's bruising blows to our self-centered egos and unsanctified ambitions.

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2: GOD BROUGHT ABOUT A GREAT DELIVERANCE.
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A gospel community (*family*) that lives out the mission of God (*missionaries*) together in a specific area and to a particular people group by displaying the Gospel with their lives and declaring it with their lips.
HOW TO FIND A HOMEGROUP:
1: Think location.
2: Think context for mission.
3: Think stage of life.
NEW HOMEGROUP:
John and Marylyn Womble & Bruce and Dena Tidmore

location: midlothian
context: vitosky elementary