

Jonah: Why Am I In Here?

Jonah 2

"From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God." – Jonah 2:1

Hesitance is what happens when we value/love/fear/worship something more than God.

How did Jonah wind up in the fish?

Jonah loved his comfort.

Jonah was all about Jonah.

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. - Jonah 1:15-16

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" - Mark 4:41

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

- 2 Corinthians 2:14

APPLICATION

1. Hesitation creates a space where difficulties or problems can grow. Do you have an example of this in your life? Someone else's life?
2. Hesitation indicates that you believe that things the way that things are is better than the way that things could be. You value the status quo more than opportunity or possibility for change or growth. What do you need to let go of in order to seize that opportunity that is before you? What is holding you back? From what are they holding you back?
- 3) What are the similarities between Jonah 1 and Mark 4:35-41?

PRAYER

Ask God to make known the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you in order to destroy the barriers of hesitation that keep you from obeying Him and fully knowing Him.

Pray for God to show you what you need to do right now to obey God and defeat hesitation in your life.

MEMORY VERSE

"Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. 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