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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship
4 September 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Jonah and the Fail Sermon: "Part One - Your Best Failure"

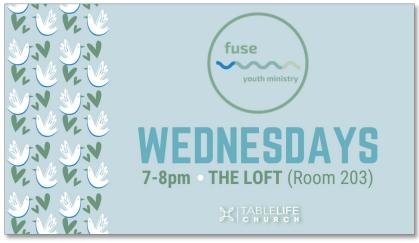
We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- In his mind, Jonah had legitimate reasons for not wanting to preach to the Ninevites. Describe a time when you disobeyed God's direction and faced the consequences.
- 2. In your spiritual life, which direction are you running: towards God, away from God, with God, behind God, or ahead of God?
- 3. What has God used in your past (or present) to get your attention? How have the storms in your life impacted your relationship with God?
- 4. What was God's purpose in sending the great fish? How has God shown his grace and mercy in your life? Would others characterize you as a merciful person?
- 5. In what ways does this part of the story of Jonah reflect the story of our salvation and the good news of Christ?
- 6. What or who is currently your "Ninevah?" What has God asked you to do that you haven't done?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



Jonah and the Fail "Part One - Your Best Failure" Pastor Kris Beckert

What would you say is your "best failure?"

Jonah 1:1-3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." ³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and he headed for Tarshish.

The Context for the Book of Jonah:

• Jonah =	
• Amittai =	
Ninevah =	

The Jonah in us:

1. God will often	ask you to	do things you
	t	o do.

Jonah 1:2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

- The Assyrians were known for ______
- Why didn't Jonah obey?
- 2. You can always find a _____sailing in the wrong direction.

Jonah 1:3. But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to

Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

3. God may send a _____ to grab your attention.

Jonah 1:4-9 Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm grose that the ship threatened to break up. 5 All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. 6 The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish." ⁷ Then the sailors said to each other. "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" 9 He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

Jonah 1:12 "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Jonah 1:15-17 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. ¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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4. Failure may be exactly what is
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• "provided" = manah =
The fish was a sign of God's
Big Idea: