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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship
25 September 2022
Sixteenth 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 Four - Heart 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:



- 1. Can you relate to Jonah? What makes you angry?
- 2. Have you ever been angry at God over what seemed like an unjust situation? How did you resolve it?
- 3. How do you respond to other people's successes? How do you respond when God blesses others but you don't experience God's blessings?
- 4. Where are you tempted to put your immediate wants (plants) in front of God's ultimate good?
- 5. What expectations or rights do you need to surrender in order to receive God's heart and God's peace?
- 6. Who is your Ninevah: What person or group of people is God calling you pray for? To whom is God calling you to personally show love and mercy?

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 Four - Heart Failure" Pastor Kris Beckert

Jonah 3:1-2 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

Jonah 4:1 But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry.

• "greatly displeased" = Hebrew ra'ah =

#### **Spiritual Heart Failure:**

l. The	Sym	ptom:	

Jonah 4:2-3 He prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life."

Jonah 4:4 The LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"

II. The Cause:	
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Jonah 4:5-9 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city. 6 So the LORD God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it withered. 8 When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life." 9 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be anary about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

- God appointed a plant -
- God appointed a worm -

III. The Cure:	
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Jonah 4:9-11 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death." <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said,

"You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. 11 Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?"

Ezekiel 36:26. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Big Idea:	