

Title: **Jonah's Fishy Prayer**
Text: **Jonah 1:17 - 2:10**
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Big Idea

What we pray -- and how we pray -- may not always be what we really need to pray about. Yet despite our sin, we continue to see God's mercy extended towards us and His mission for the gospel to be proclaimed to all peoples.

Previously in Jonah 1:1-17, we saw God's command for Jonah to preach to the great (and evil) city of Nineveh to show His mercy to them. Instead of obeying God, Jonah attempts to flee as far away on a ship -- only to encounter a supernatural storm. The storm reveals Jonah's apathy towards God as well as the pagan sailors' sensitivity to God. Despite every attempt to save Jonah, the sailors throw Jonah overboard...

1. The H_____ of Jonah's Prayer

D_____: Jonah Cries Out to God (vv. 1-2, 7)

A_____: Jonah Recognizes God's Sovereignty (vv. 3, 6)

G_____: Jonah Gives Thanks for God's Mercy (vv. 2, 6, 9)
(cf. Psalm 30, 118, 138)

2. The H_____ in Jonah's Prayer

Missing C_____ & R_____
(cf. Psalm 32:5, 38:18, 40:12, 41:4)

Missing H_____
(cf. Luke 18:9-14)

3. Yet God's M_____ & M_____ Continues

Reflection Questions

- How have you seen God use difficult situations bring you closer to Him? Have you seen this happen in the lives of those around you?
- Looking back at the past several weeks, what things can you give thanks to God for? How have you seen God's mercy in your life and/or those around you?
- In what areas of your life have you seen pride prevent you from acknowledging your sins to God - and others?
- How have you neglected the Gospel message (of repentance & forgiveness through Jesus) in your understanding and living out of the Christian faith? In what ways do you need to be reminded of the Gospel message for yourself -- as well as for others?

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COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our church *outwards* in love for the

the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the unbelieving.

Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Announcement Spotlight

Afghan Refugee Family

Beginning May 16th, a team from Mercy Hill Church will work with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to welcome and provide support for a newly-arrived Afghan refugee family. This will include helping family members with securing and furnishing a home, transportation, finding a job, starting school and English classes, and all the other things that will enable them to make a successful start in the U.S.

Donations of new or gently used items to set up housekeeping, including furniture, are greatly appreciated. Contact Marcia Bolster (info below) if you're able to help in this way.

Contributions to a \$2,500 fund to help the family get started with living expenses are also welcome. To donate online, visit mercyhillchurch.org/give to find the online giving portal. Once there, click on the drop down menu and select the Missions fund. You may also place your donation in an envelope (be sure to indicate "Missions, Afghan" on the outside) and leave it in the black collection box in the back of the sanctuary.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Marcia at marciabolster@att.net.

Mercy Hill Men's Hike

"Go take a hike." Very good, then we shall take a hike!

The men of Mercy Hill are going to be taking a hike in the Redwoods, we will be hiking at Castle Rock State Park. The date will be June 11th and we will begin starting at 9:00am. Much more details to come but for now save the date!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Paul at pwwalton@comcast.net.

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