

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly.

And he said:

I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. **Jonah 2:1-2** NKJV

Hello family,

Have you ever thought about how many times we actually choose not to talk to God throughout the course of our daily lives?

How many times have we think that we can handle our own problems in our own way? Small problems, big problems, you know, problems in general.

How many times have we decided our problem or our feelings are not important enough to talk to God about? How about those times when we think that maybe we're making too much out of something so we should just figure it out and not bother God with it?

How many times have we thought or acted as if God couldn't hear us?

Or maybe we think that we are just too rotten for Him to want to hear from us?

As we read in the book of [Jonah chapter 2](#) we find Jonah who had attempted to run away from God, praying to God from the belly of a big fish. Not only had Jonah decided to rebel against God by disobeying His instructions, **(bad decision)** he tried to handle the problem himself by being thrown into the sea, and now he was facing the consequences of his decision and found himself in extreme and extraordinary circumstances.

He was in the belly of a big fish! Yikes!

Here's the very cool part:

Jonah repented and prayed to God **(good decision)**, and God heard him;

God met him right where he was even in the belly of that fish.

No matter where we are or what we have done, it's always important to pray to God. We need to talk to God in every situation no matter what.

He loves us so much that He sent His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the cross in our place, for our sin.

He wants to hear from us, He wants to be intimately involved with us in every part of our lives. Even in those things we consider small.

No matter how we feel, or how much we think we have failed.

We need to remember His great love for us and that He wants us to spend time with Him, getting to know Him more and more, trusting Him in all things.

Let's make the time to pray to Him, and to appreciate Him as the loving Father that He is.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff