

JONAH

DEEP GRACE

What is going on? (Jonah 1:7-2:1)

1. Consequences - Jonah's Decision (Jonah 1:7-10)

- Casting Lots (1:7)
- Mariner's Interrogation (1:8)
- Jonah's Confession (1:9)
- Mariner's Response (1:10)

2. Compassion - Mariner's Response (Jonah 1:11-16)

- Mariner's Question (1:11)
- Jonah's Solution (1:12)
- Mariner's Response (1:13-16)
 - Start Rowing (1:13)
 - Cry out to God - Yahweh (1:14)
 - Hurling Jonah (1:15a)
 - Fear of the Lord/Offering a Sacrifice (1:16)

3. Deep Grace - 3 Responses (Jonah 1:15b, 17-2:1)

- A. God Calms the Sea (1:15b)
- B. God Sends a Fish to Swallow Jonah (1:17)
- C. Jonah Prays (2:1)

Jonah 1:7-17 - And the mariners said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

¹⁷ And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:1 - Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Jonah 1:7-8. In these verse Jonah is busted! What does he do in response to being found out? How would you have responded knowing the ultimate consequences ahead? Discuss.
2. Read Jonah 1:13. The Mariners compassion is amazing! Read Jonah 1:13. The Mariner's compassion is amazing! Have you ever had compassion for someone who had done something that put you in a tough spot? Discuss.
3. At the beginning of chapter two Jonah is swallowed by a fish. God was creative in getting his attention. Can you think of an unusual way that God got your attention? Discuss.
4. Pray for deep compassion that reflects the heart of God for the people you encounter every day.