

**5-30-2021 Sermon**

**Series: Pivotal Moments**

**Sermon: Obedience that Is Rooted in Love**

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This story isn't about a big fish.  
It's about a big God.

Many of us can't believe the actions of Jonah, yet we do the same thing on a daily basis.

God's call was deeper than Nineveh.

GOD'S BROUGHT YOU THERE IN HOPES THAT YOU'LL SEE YOURSELF...  
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY....THAT YOU'LL SEE HIM...

Acts 9:10-19

[10](#)Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." [11](#)And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, [12](#)and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." [13](#)But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. [14](#)And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." [15](#)But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. [16](#)For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." [17](#)So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18](#)And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; [19](#)and taking food, he was strengthened.

God is working through, not in spite of.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS COMMUNITY WHEN WE GET OUT OF THE WAY OF  
GOD AND SAY HAVE YOUR WAY?

So many of us want our way with a sprinkle of Jesus.

Is God working through you or in spite of you?

Your job isn't to save. It's to obey.

Spiritual pride leads to death.

Disregarding God's instructions will only lead you to being lost.

Knowledge isn't the goal.

Obedience is.

True obedience is rooted in love.

Where is your life rooted?