

# "IT'S TIME TO PRAY"

**Jonah 1:17** – Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

**When you are inside the belly of a fish (crisis), you quickly realize:**

- 1. You are not in control.**
- 2. It's a good time to pray.**

**Jonah 2:1-10** – Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. He said, "I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble, and he answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and LORD, you heard me! You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves. Then I said, 'O LORD, you have driven me from your presence. Yet I will look once more toward your holy temple.' I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever. But you, O LORD my God, snatched me from the jaws of death! As my life was slipping away, I remembered the LORD. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy temple. Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies. But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone." Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

- 1. Jesus has power and authority over all creation.**
- 2. Stop pursuing worthless idols.**

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3. **Salvation is found in Christ alone.**
4. **Humble yourself and confess your sin.**

### Coming Soon:

1. **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:** Stop by the display on Main Street and pick up your 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Guide. Starting today, join us in daily Scripture reading and in encountering the presence of God.
2. **Night of Worship and Prayer:** Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As we head toward the end of our 21 days of prayer and fasting, we will have a special time of prayer and worship from 6:30pm-7:30pm.
3. **DRC Ministry Fair:** As a new year begins, now is the perfect time to find your place to serve and connect with DRC. [Find out all the places you can serve at our Ministry Fair on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>.](#)
4. **Married Night Out:** If you are married or engaged, we would love to have you join us for a Married Night Out event on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Join us for dinner, fun, and a message from a special guest on how to have healthy relationships that last a lifetime.