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Jonah 2:2-10 NRSV

*“I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said,
‘I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?’ The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my
head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my
life from the Pit, O Lord my God.*

- Jonah 2:2-10

⁷ As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!” Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

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But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

- Jonah 4:9-11

He accepts that the mess he is in requires a level of inconvenience for himself to get out of it

a lot of us have lost the ability to
be inconvenienced well

When we build a community on convenience,
we cannot have a community of grace

To be in Church, we have to be willing to put ourselves aside and trust others will do the same