

Faith Baptist Church – Greenfield, IN

A Whale Named Grace

Feelings Are Fishy

Text: Jonah 1:17; 2:4

Introduction

Jonah thought it was over.
God had something prepared.

He felt cast out.
Yet he chose to look again.

Key Truth: Grace preserves us when feelings try to bury us.

Notes:

I. Grace Is Prepared Before We Fall

“The LORD had prepared a great fish...”

- Grace was waiting before Jonah hit bottom.
- Discipline is not abandonment.
- Mercy sometimes feels like confinement.

Application: God may be preserving you in what feels like judgment.

Notes:

II. We Are Vessels, Not the Plan

- God does not need us — He chooses to use us.
- Pride often hides inside despair.
- We are clay in the Potter's hands.

Key Thought: The book of Jonah exists because God does not quit.

Notes:

III. Feelings Are Real — But Not Rulers

“I am cast out of thy sight...”

- Failure produces emotional distance.
- Feelings exaggerate finality.
- Emotions are weather — not foundation.

Application: Do not build theology on temporary emotion.

Notes:

IV. The Word “Yet” Changes Everything

“Yet I will look again...”

- Repentance is directional.
- You can feel distant and still turn.
- Truth must override emotion.

Key Thought: Revival begins when we look again.

Notes:

V. Brokenness Is God's Workshop

- The fish was preservation, not destruction.
- Grace sometimes confines to correct.
- God breaks what He intends to use.

Application: Yield in the breaking.

Notes:

Final Challenge

You may feel cast out.

Yet.

Look again.

Personal Application / Prayer:
