

JONAH— When You're Waiting on God

If you want to run from God, the devil will always offer you a ride.

Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17 NIV

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

Jonah 2:1 NIV

Sometimes what we call a problem, God calls provision.

God doesn't always give us what we want, but God gives us what we need.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. ... James 5:13 NIV

He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry." Jonah 2:2 NIV

"You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' ⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. ⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. ⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to

you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'” Jonah 2:3-9 NIV

Jonah 2

I called to the LORD and he answered me.
Jonah 2:2 NIV

Deep in the realm of the dead I called for help. Jonah 2:2 NIV

I have been banished from your sight.
Jonah 2:4 NIV

The waters closed over me.
Jonah 2:5 NLT

Those who cling to worthless idols ...
Jonah 2:8 NIV

What I have vowed I will make good.
Jonah 2:9 NIV

Psalms

I call out to the LORD, and he answers me.
Psalm 3:4 NIV

You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead. Psalm 16:10 NIV

I am cut off from your sight!
Psalm 31:22 NIV

The waters have come up to my neck.
Psalm 69:1 NIV

I hate those who cling to worthless idols.
Psalm 31:6 NIV

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD.
Psalm 116:14 NIV

“But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’” Jonah 2:9 NIV

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Jonah 2:10 NIV

While you’re waiting, God’s still working.

[Jesus] answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” Matthew 12:39-40 NIV

TALK IT OVER

*Read **Jonah 2:1-2**. What does this Scripture show you about God's character? How does this make you feel about trusting in God?*

Share about a time when you faced a hardship or difficulty. What did you learn about God through that experience.

Talk about any ways you're currently waiting on God. In this waiting, what might God be trying to show you about, and how can you respond with prayer and praise.