



Bad Prophet, Good God: The (kinda...sorta...) Breakthrough | Jonah 1:17-2:10

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¹⁷ And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

² Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying,

“I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³ For 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.

⁴ Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.’

⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head

⁶ 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.

⁷ When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the Lord!”
¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

The Key to Breakthrough

Jonah 2:9
...Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

The key to breakthrough is grace.

Jonah 2:8
⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

The Process of Breakthrough

Jonah 2:3
³ For 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.

We have to see the breakdown before we can experience the breakthrough.

The Ongoing Need for Breakthrough

1. Take personal ownership for your sin
2. See that God “found you” long before you “found God”

Ephesians 2:8-9
⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The Confidence of Breakthrough

Matthew 12:40

⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.