



*Sketches that bring
life to biblical truth*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 @ 10:00 A.M.



(UN)QUALIFIED
HOW GOD USES BROKEN PEOPLE
TO DO BIG THINGS

Bible Study

by Steven Furtick

Launches
Tuesday
April 19
@ 7:00 p.m.

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Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



April Teaching Series

Jonah



GOD'S RELENTLESS LOVE

Apr 03 » Man on the Run
Apr 10 » The Perfect Storm
Apr 17 » Jonah's Stinky Prayer
Apr 24 » Sent to Love

PRAYER REQUESTS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Breanna V. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Lily M. | ▶ Dementia |
| Anabelle G. | ▶ Lung Cancer |
| Andrew H. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Noe F. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Elizabeth S. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Kenny D. | ▶ Neurological Damage |
| Trevor W. | ▶ Deployed to Afghanistan |
| Danny L. | ▶ Peace Corps Assignment |
| Ralph H. | ▶ Fluid in the brain |
| Moe M. | ▶ Lung Cancer |
| Ruth S. | ▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues |
| Mary H. | ▶ Mobility Issues |
| Suzie S. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Peggy H. | ▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis |
| Lotz Family | ▶ Grief/Loss of Parents |
| Barb D. | ▶ Bone Cancer |
| Phyllis L. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Dale G. | ▶ Blood Clot |
| Persecuted Christians | ▶ Hostilities/Suffering |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"And because we look for the bonfire, we miss the candle."

Because we listen for the shout, we miss the whisper. But it is in burnished candles that God comes, and through whispered promises he speaks: "When you doubt, look around; I am closer than you think." —Max Lucado

04/03/16

METRICS
THAT MATTER

37 ATTENDANCE \$1,479 GIVING

2 GUESTS 11 VOLUNTEERS

0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” ³But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. ⁴*Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. [Jonah 1:1-4](#)*

JONAH'S Storm



- 1 Preventable
- 2 Powerful
- 3 Personal

GOD AT TIMES WILL INITIATE STORMS TO REDEEM PEOPLE



- Jonah's path down: from head-knowledge of God to self-righteousness to self-determination to self-destruction.
- Jonah was endangering himself as well as those around him.
- God “breathed” the wind that set in motion the storm. He took aim at Jonah.
- Until we see God-sent storms as interventions and not punishments, we'll never get better—we'll get bitter.
- Jonah's storm was a storm of mercy!
- God responds to Jonah's running with a storm that saves the mission to Nineveh and saves the lives of pagan sailors.

OUR NATURAL BUT FUTILE RESPONSES TO THE STORMS

⁵All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. [Jonah 1:5](#)

Panic



Check out

Cry out to our gods

Explain the gap in our lives

Solve it with common sense

Try harder



¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?”¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.” *Jonah 1:11-12*



¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased.” ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. *Jonah 1:13-16*

SOUND DOCTRINE

does not always result in a

LIFE OF **OBEDIENCE.** —*Paul Tripp*



SUBMISSION IS THE WAY OF BEING SAVED IN THE STORM

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*



- Salvation is found not in the beach but in the belly of the fish where grace resides.
- The fish’s belly was not Jonah’s prison or death chamber, but only a temporary hospital for his soul and protection for his body from the ocean depths.

God will take you where you did not intend to go to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own.