



CHOICES

THE MOMENTS THAT CHANGE LIVES

WEEK 5. And He Answered Me

Pastor Roger kicked off the first half of the story of Jonah this past Sunday. He focused in on how God sometimes rescues us in ways we don't expect and asked us to consider what God might be wanting to do in the midst of our current struggles. We'll be looking at Jonah's cry to God in the midst of his difficulties and considering how Jonah's response might inform the way we view our current circumstances and approach God.

Introduction Question: When's the last time you cried out to God about something?

Bible Study: Jonah 2:1-10

1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. **2** 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. **3** 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. **4** I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' **5** The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. **6** To 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. **7** "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. **8** "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. **9** 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.'" **10** And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

In small groups of 3-4:

- 1) What strikes you about this story?
- 2) What do we learn about God?
- 3) What do we learn about people?
- 4) What might God be saying to me through this passage?
- 5) Pray for each other.