



COMING BACK HOME

returning to the God who loves you

JONAH

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JONAH – Scene 1

*Then they took Jonah and threw him
overboard, and the raging sea grew
calm*

JONAH – Scene 1

At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

JONAH – Scene 2

The Big Question:

Does Jonah come back into an authentic relationship with God?

JONAH – Scene 2

2 Sub-Questions:

- 1) What does God use to bring us back?
- 2) How does God want most to show we're back?

1. Bringing Jonah Back

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Which direction has Jonah been going?

Universal Vicious Cycle



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1. Bringing Jonah Back

Which direction has Jonah been going?

1:3 Down to Joppa

1:3 Down to ship

1:5 Down to ship's hold

1:5 Deep sleep (rhymes with "down")

1:12 Down into sea

1. Bringing Jonah Back

To bring Jonah back God takes Jonah ...

down

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“Swallow” is not a good thing

1. Bringing Jonah Back

Why does God take us down?

**Down ... before God ...
is the new up**

2. How Jonah does down

Why does God take us down?

**With God, down is
the new up**

2. How Jonah does down

What was Jonah's struggle?

**What God wants for Jonah is
not what Jonah wants God to
want for Jonah**

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah do right?
Does Jonah truly go “down”?

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah do right?

Jonah finally “calls out” to God

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah do right?

He sees “down” not just as God condemning him, but as God preserving him.

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah do right?

**He comes back to the “word”
of God ...**

2. How Jonah does down

Jonah's "Biblical" Prayer

Jonah: "I called out in my distress to the Lord ..."

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Jonah's "Biblical" Prayer

Jonah: "I called out in my distress to the Lord ..."

Psalmist: "To the Lord, I called out of my distress"

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah not do right?

Is the whale more than God providing? Is it not also God correcting?

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah not do right?

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken & contrite heart you, God will not despise.

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah not do right?

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

2. How Jonah does down

What does Jonah not do right?

**Has Jonah budged one inch
from his religious self-
righteousness?**



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