Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet, Part II
A Whale of a Wake-up Call
Jonah 1-2
July 11, 2021

I.   A Quick <u>Recap</u>
     A. Don't <u>Focus</u> on the <u>Fish</u>!
     B. Let the Story <u>Surprise</u> You
     C. Let the Story <u>Expose</u> Your <u>Flaws</u> and Your <u>Need</u>
II. <u>Sleeping</u> on the <u>Job</u>
         Jonah 1:1-17
     A. Jonah's Inevitable <u>Descent</u> to the <u>Depths</u>
         v.3, 5; 2:3
     B. The Unintended <u>Consequences</u> of <u>Sin</u>
         v. 4-5, 6-7, 10, 14
     C. The <u>Sleeping</u> Man of God and the <u>Wide-Awake</u> Pagans
         v. 5-6, 9-10, 16
III. The <u>Infamous</u> Fish
         1:17-2:10
     A. <u>Swallowed</u> up by the <u>Nations</u>?
         1:17; Ezek. 29:3; Jer. 51:34; Psalm 124:2-5, Lam. 2:16; Hos. 8:8
     B. A Watery <u>Tomb</u> or a Fishy <u>Womb</u>?
         2:1-6
     C. What's <u>Missing</u> in Jonah's <u>Prayer</u>?
         2:8-10
IV. Let's Get Our <u>Bearings</u>…
     A. The Dangers of <u>Spiritual</u> <u>Slumber</u>
         1:5-15; Eph. 5:8-16; I Thes. 5:6; I Cor. 15:34
     B. The <u>Vehicle</u> of God's <u>Deliverance</u>
         Rom. 5:3-5, 8:28; James 1:2-4, I Cor. 1:18
     C. A <u>Severe</u> Mercy and a <u>Costly</u> Grace
         Matt. 12:38-41

Questions for Further Reflection
1. Kid's Question: Is there anything new you have noticed about Jonah's story over the last 2 weeks?
2. Have you ever been able to discern a cycle of heading down, down, down? What, if anything, roused you from your slumber?
3. When have you experienced the consequences (intended or unintended) of someone else's sin? When have you brought about negative consequences in other people's lives through your sin?
4. What has the big fish meant to you in this story? Do the scriptures regarding Israel being swallowed up change the way you read this passage?
5. How does viewing Jonah's being swallowed through the lens of deliverance change your understanding of this episode?
6. What are some positive things that we can take away from Jonah's prayer in chapter 2?
7. How do you think we can stay vigilant in our spiritual life?
8. When has God used difficult experiences to wake you up, grow you, or in some other way deliver you?
9. What parallels do you see between Jesus and Jonah (negative or positive)?