

In the Belly of a Whale

Part 2: Obedient Disobedience

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^{Jonah 1:15} Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! ¹⁶ The sailors were awestruck by the LORD's great power, and they offered him a sacrifice and vowed to serve him.

¹⁷ Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

^{2:1} Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. ² He said,

"I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble,
and he answered me.

I called to you from the land of the dead,
and LORD, you heard me!

³ You threw me into the ocean depths,
and I sank down to the heart of the sea.

The mighty waters engulfed me;

I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves.

⁴ Then I said, 'O LORD, you have driven me from your presence.

Yet I will look once more toward your holy Temple.' " NLT

God is always working to accomplish _____ will.

You are either working with or _____ Him!

Obey God before the _____.

Early obedience is much less painful than _____ obedience.