

Sermon Outline - June 29, 2008
The Book of Jonah • "In the Belly of the Whale"
Jonah 2

Introduction: "In the belly of the whale..."

"...and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights." 1:17

Jonah, the Comeback Kid!

1. Avoid the blame game.

"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me." v.2-3

• Principle: _____.

2. Embrace authenticity.

"I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God." v.4-6

• Principle: _____.

3. Jonah: More than a metaphor.

"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." v.8-9

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:40

• Principle: _____.

Answers to Sermon Outline:

When you know God is author of your circumstance, you look to Him for correction, not blame.

Our repentance comes before others can repent.

You can't invest in a metaphor. Invest in Christ.