**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 24, 2019**

**Man Overboard**

Jonah 2:1-10

**Key Truth**: The Lord went overboard to rescue Jonah. He has and continues to go overboard to rescue us.

**We Are A Lot Like Jonah**:

1. God will do whatever it takes to get our attention.

 A. Tough times can be an instrument of God to bring

 us to our knees.

2. If God is our problem only God is our solution.

 A. Take ownership for our disobedience.

 B. God won’t command change until we get right

 with Him.

3. We have to remember that we deserve death.

 A. Discipline from God is a gift to His children.

 Hebrews 12:7-11

4. Realign our priorities with God’s priorities. Luke

 14:25-27, Galatians 2:20

5. Repentance can get messy but it’s necessary.

**The People God Uses**:

1. People who love Him enough to obey.

2. People who are willing to repent when they have

 sinned.

3. People who willing to have their faith stretched.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Don’t allow pride or stubbornness to get in the way of God fulfilling His purpose in you. Surrender to the will of God today.

**Food For Thought For The Week**

Take some time throughout the week to meditate on the sermon, answer the questions and apply these truths to your life.

1. This weekend we looked at the jam Jonah got himself into. Is there a time in your life that you got yourself into a similar belly-of-the-fish experience and reached out to God in the midst of it? What did you learn from that experience?

2. What challenges or fears could a person face in sharing their belly-of-the-fish story with others? What kind of people do you find it easiest to share your story with?

3. While in the belly of the fish, Jonah finally surrendered to God and committed himself to do His will. Another story of surrender is found in Luke 7:36-50 where Jesus interacts with a woman at a party. How does the woman in this story demonstrate her surrendered heart?

4. Jonah’s prayer is very similar to a number of prayers recorded in the Psalms. These prayers are called lament Psalms because they express concern over a difficult situation the author is facing. Read Psalm 28 for a good example of one of these Psalms.