

Desperate

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We live our lives and ask/expect God to bless our plans but how much of all this are you willing to give up for Jesus?

Let's talk about this word "**desperate**" for a moment. Webster's dictionary describes "Desperate" as: having lost hope, a desperate spirit crying for relief.

What would cause one to lose hope or cry for relief? Let's take a look at Jonah's situation as an example.

Starting from the book of Jonah chapter 1 verse 1-17. God gave Jonah a word to warn the people of Nineveh that his wrath would fall upon them if they did not repent; but Jonah rejected that word because of what: principle, bitterness, or vengeance perhaps? We will never know exactly what was running thru his mind at the time; but what we can evaluate is that his selfish pride would not allow him to surrender to God's will immediately. He ran from God and in the process put the fishermen on the boat to Tar-shish in danger. The fishermen who had no knowledge of God feared him and acted in obedience by throwing Jonah overboard and in return were saved.

After being swallowed up, Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and compared this time of solitude to being in prison. He utilized this time to reconnect with God in desperation (Jonah 2). Ultimately he was stuck between a rock and a hard place, with his only choice to be surrender or die. We all know how the rest of the story goes but what we fail to realize sometimes is that it's not just a story.

Using this passage into our own lives, is God looking to grasp our attention by allowing a whale to come our way? Whether its financial, relationships, legal issues, health issues, mental turmoil, and so forth. Here's the question?

How long, brothers and sisters, will you sit in the belly of the whale before you reach desperation? By stripping away all the factors keeping us from truly connecting with Jesus Christ --- will reveal the things most important to you and I but by surrendering to him heart, mind and body (Romans 12:1-2), this will reveal his will for our lives.

In the voice of the most interesting man on earth: "Stay desperate my friends."