



**DGM Message Title: A Sinner's Prayer**

**Topic: How to Get out of Your Current Situations**

**Message Summary:** God wants to deal with what has swallowed you up. His plan is always greater than our mistakes. God is tired of the devil eating your life. You have to take action and start praying to God.

**Scriptural References:**

- Jonah 1:15-2:10 NKJV
- 1 Cor. 2:9 NKJV
- Mark 9:23 NKJV
- Isaiah 43:4 NKJV

**Key Points:**

- Jonah 1:15 NKJV
  - When Jonah surrendered, the sea surrendered.
  - Sometimes God will quiet the storm. Sometimes God will let the storm rage and quiet His child.
- 1:16 NKJV
  - God was willing to put the entire crew at risk to get the attention of one person.
  - He will go to great lengths to get the attention of one of His children.
  - Is 43:4 ESV
    - There is no cost too high for God to pay for you.
    - The way God loves the church doesn't make a lot of sense to us.
    - God will trade the whole world for the one good thing He's found in you.
- 1:17 NKJV
  - Don't ever underestimate what God has prepared for those He loves.
  - 1 Cor 2:9 NKJV
  - Scripture wasn't concerned about the species... just the fact that God specially compared it
  - Faith doesn't make all things conventional. It makes all things possible (Mark 9:23)
  - When we run from God, we will always find ourselves swallowed up by a set of circumstances.
  - Jonah was in the belly of the fish for 3 days and 3 nights.
  - Just like Jonah, your deliverance might take a bit of time.

- 2:1 NKJV
  - No sin is too great for God to turn around.
  - Jonah prayed *from* the fish's belly.
    - What you do in the middle of your crisis will determine whether you come out of it.
  - Fight all your battles on your knees and you will win every time.
- 2:2 NKJV
  - Jonah behaved badly, but God still answered.
  - God still hears the sinner's prayer.
  - There is hope for you and for me!
  - We don't believe that God loves us because we are good. God is making us good because He loves us.
    - He doesn't fix it cause you're right or you earned it.
    - He fixed it because Jesus earned it!
  - Your faith shouldn't be in you. It should be in Him.
- 2:3 NKJV
  - Don't get bitter because somebody threw you overboard.
  - The will of God isn't always pleasant, but it's always right.
  - God brings us through troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us.
- 2:4 NKJV
  - God never stopped loving Jonah. He just stopped enjoying Jonah.
    - Have you ever loved a person whose attitude took all the fun out of it?
  - When God is all you have left, you are left with all that you need.
- 2:5 NKJV
  - Jonah wasn't just overcome on the outside, but also on the inside.
  - Life was suffocating Jonah.
  - Sometimes God has to let us sit where are so we know who we really are.
- 2:6 NKJV
  - First, Jonah went *down* to Joppa. Then we went *down* into the ship. Then we went *down* into the waters. Finally, Jonah hit rock-bottom.
  - Jonah felt locked into his circumstances. He saw no way out.
  - When no one was else was there to lift him, when he gave up on himself, the Lord was there to lift him.
- 2:7 NKJV
  - Jonah recognized that he deserved to be the mess he was in. But his prayer went up to God anyway.
  - He realized that even though everything was over his head, it was all under God's feet.
- 2:8 NKJV
  - Jonah's moment of illumination.
  - Anything that competes for final authority in your life is an idol. Philosophy, identity, etc.
  - Nothing should undermine our submission to God.

- Anything is worthless compared to God's ability to reward and repair.
- We stay trapped to things that were tough in one season.
- If you try again, you can discover your strength!
- Your prison is in your mind.
- "Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong. It makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak. It sets you free." – Dave Willis
- Jonah's grudge against the Ninevites was stronger than his relationship with God.
- When you stand before Jesus, who carried our sins, what excuse will you have about the person you won't let go?
- Sometimes we just need a little bit of perspective.
- 2:9 NKJV
  - Jonah realized that he made things too big in his life and he shrunk God too small.
  - He worshiped God while he was still drowning.
  - You have to worship through your storm!
  - Resentment is an inside job. Don't let anyone have that much power over your life.
    - Your happiness is your responsibility.
    - Your joy comes from the Lord.
    - You do you. I will do me, before God.
- 2:10 NKJV
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