

SERMON NOTES
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MESSY STEPS

Jonah 1:1-3

Part of his heart was unsundered.

Matthew 5:44-45 ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

- Mercy of God.

“...You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.” (v.2)

- Mission of the Church

“Pursuit of happiness”? – Jefferson

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

- Messy Steps

Run away

Storms come

Sincere prayer

Struggle returns

Where’s Waldo?

Jonah 1:1-3; 2:1, 8-9; 4:1-3

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.” ³But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

^{2:1}Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish, “Those who regard vain idols forsake their faithfulness, ⁹but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord.”

^{4:1}But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. ³Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.”