



# THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S COMPASSION

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## Introduction

<sup>17</sup> And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup> Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. <sup>7</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!" <sup>10</sup> And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land." (Jonah 1:17-2:10, ESV)

## 1. The Fish

## 2. The Down

## 3. The Up

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### Digging Deeper

This week's passages:

Monday: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-9

Wednesday: Psalm 77

Thursday: Psalm 103

Friday: Isaiah 55

Weekend: Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God is saying to you. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1:22).