

# Faith in the Belly

## "Praising before the miracle comes."

August 24th, 2025

**Jonah 2:2** *"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry."*

*"Now the LORD **provided** a huge fish to swallow Jonah..."*  
(Jonah 1:17)

Sometimes the thing we label a **problem**,  
God calls **provision**.

**Helpless ≠ Hopeless** *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

**It's time to pray!** *"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray."* (James 5:13) **Not worry, rant, or blame → Pray**

**Pray the WORD** *"The word of God is alive and active..."*  
(Hebrews 4:12) When you pray Scripture, you're **agreeing** with God.

**Praise Before Provision** *"I will sacrifice to you with songs of praise."* (Jonah 2:9) That's **verse 9 faith** – Praising before the miracle.

**God's Timing** *"And the **LORD** commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land."* (Jonah 2:10) **V.1: God heard.**  
**V.10: God moved. In between: God worked!**

When it's not **God's time**, you can't force it.  
When it is **God's time**, you can't stop it!

**Jesus: the Greater Jonah** *"For as Jonah was three days... so the Son of Man will be three days... in the heart of the earth."*  
(Matthew 12:40) **Salvation comes from the LORD!**

**P.R.A.Y.** = **P**raise, **R**epent, **A**sk, **Y**ield

**KIDS CLASSES** For Children up to 7th grade! Check your kids in for age specific classes. Preschool through elementary will be dismissed for class at approximately 9:25am by a message on the screen.

**NEXT STEPS** Today during the Message If you would like to learn more about our church and how to get connected, join us for this four week class offered in Classroom 2. Today we will be talking about the Holy Spirit and his role in our lives.

this week...

**CROSS CURRENT YOUTH** No Service This Friday 7th-12th graders typically gather weekly though there will be no service this week in lieu of summer camp.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** Fridays at 6pm Gather with others finding freedom from life's hurts, habits, and hangups.

coming up...

**BAGEL SUNDAY** Next Sunday! Plan to stay after the service next week to connect and enjoy a bagel!

**FINISH STRONG GATHERING** Next Sunday at the Town Beach! After the service on Sunday, August 31, we are welcoming all senior citizens to a gathering at the Massena Town Beach.

**NTCKIDS MOVE UP DAY** Next Sunday! As we begin a new school year, our kids going in to 1st & 5th grade will "Move Up" to a new class!

**BRIDGE** September 11th at 6pm 5th-7th graders are invited every other Thursday for an evening of fun and a lesson just for them.

**COMMISSIONING NIGHT** September 12th at 6:30pm Kicking off a new semester of classes & groups with some prophetic ministry and worship. Classes being offered on Wednesdays this fall are:

- Freedom
- Discover Purpose
- Vertical Marriage
- Introduction to Bible Study
- Basic Training for Prophetic Ministry

**MOMCO** September 18th at 10am & 6pm All moms are invited every other Thursday to be encouraged and supported by other momss.

**MENS ONE DAY CONFERENCE** Sep. 20th from 8:30am-3:30pm Save the date gentlemen as we will gather with men from around the north country to be inspired and encouraged!

Scan the QR code to register for an upcoming event or find a group to connect to.

