

Can I Have A Do Over

Jonah 1:7–2:10 (NLT) — (7) Then the crew cast lots to see which of them had offended the gods and caused the terrible storm. When they did this, the lots identified Jonah as the culprit. **(8)** “Why has this awful storm come down on us?” they demanded. “Who are you? What is your line of work? What country are you from? What is your nationality?” **(9)** Jonah answered, “I am a Hebrew, and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.” **(10)** The sailors were terrified when they heard this, for he had already told them he was running away from the LORD. “Oh, why did you do it?” they groaned. **(11)** And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, “What should we do to you to stop this storm?” **(12)** “Throw me into the sea,” Jonah said, “and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault.” **(13)** Instead, the sailors rowed even harder to get the ship to the land. But the stormy sea was too violent for them, and they couldn’t make it. **(14)** Then they cried out to the LORD, Jonah’s God. “O LORD,” they pleaded, “don’t make us die for this man’s sin. And don’t hold us responsible for his death. O LORD, you have sent this storm upon him for your own good reasons.” **(15)** Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! **(16)** The sailors were awestruck by the LORD’s great power, and they offered him a sacrifice and vowed to serve him. **(17)** Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. **(1)** Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. **(2)** He said, “I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble, and he answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and LORD, you heard me! **(3)** You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves. **(4)** Then I said, ‘O LORD, you have driven me from your presence. Yet I will look once more toward your holy Temple.’ **(5)** “I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. **(6)** I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever. But you, O LORD my God, snatched me from the jaws of death! **(7)** As my life was slipping away, I remembered the LORD. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple. **(8)** Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God’s mercies. **(9)** But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone.” **(10)** Then the LORD ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

I) **Jonah’s Flight.**

II) **Jonah’s Fate**

III) **God’s Forgiveness.**

1 John 1:9 (NLT) — (9) But if we confess our mistakes to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our mistakes and to cleanse us from all wickedness.