

**SERMON SERIES:** JONAH  
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## Sermon title:

“Jonah: When God Gets Your Attention.”

## Introduction

This past week we began our series through the book of Jonah. We learned from chapter 1 of Jonah that God gets involved in our lives, not to pay us back but to bring us back to Him. This week we are going to focus on Jonah 2, talking about how it is never too late to pray.

- What are some prayers you have said that seemed silly or humorous at the time? (Praying for a test to be canceled during school, praying for your bed to make itself in the morning, praying a cop won't pull you over, etc.)

## Seek the Word

Read Jonah 2.

- What does this chapter tell us about Jonah's character?
- Which emotions can you point out as expressed in this chapter?
- What are the “worthless idols” that verse 8 mentions?
- How can this passage help us understand God's power?

## Go Deeper

Jonah is echoing the Psalms in this chapter. Spend some time learning more about the history of the Psalms, how they can be used as prayers, and who authored some of them. This will help you have a better perspective of where Jonah is coming from in this chapter.

## Talk About It

- When you are in a difficult season of life, is it easy or hard to turn to Jesus?
- What sort of things make it difficult for us to want to pray? How can you overcome this?
- How does prayer change our perspective on situations?
- How have you seen God answer prayers before? Whether for yourself or for others.

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* It's never too late to pray.

*Challenge:* Pick a new style of prayer to practice this week. Try journaling, speaking out loud, keeping a prayer list, etc. Pick one new way to pray that you have not done before and practice it each day this week.