

**“SIZING UP SURVIVAL STORIES”\***

**Jonah 1:17-3:1**

Of all the amazing survival stories in the world, some would say Jonah’s survival in the belly of the great fish would out size them all. But as we’ll see today, survival from a fish is not near as amazing as survival from failure.

**I. GOD HURLS THE \_\_\_\_\_ INTO THE DEPTHS.**

**II. GOD HEARS THE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THE DEPTHS.**

**III. GOD HOLDS OUT \_\_\_\_\_ AFTER THE DEPTHS.**

**FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL.**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> in the Jonah series, *ALL ASHORE!*, by Danny Box, 10-14-07  
This message can be heard at [www.hcbcpf.com](http://www.hcbcpf.com) or as an iTunes podcast.



Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the Jonah series, *All Ashore!* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. How do you reconcile Jonah’s statement, “You hurled me into the deep” in 2:3 with the description of the event in 1:15? Has God ever “hurled” you into the deep? Consider Hebrews 12: 7-11.
2. Instead of changing direction (repentance) when running away from God, some people deny, deflect, or defend their rebellion. Has this ever described you? What did Jonah eventually do?
3. What kinds of failure do some people think will disqualify them from significantly serving Jesus Christ? How does Jonah’s failure and restoration speak to this? How about David’s and Peter’s?
4. God gives Jonah an opportunity again to get “on mission” with Him teaching us that failure is never final. From Psalm 40, read verses 1-13, and then verses 1-3. How do these verses parallel Jonah’s experience?
5. Are you running with—or away from—God’s mission to reach people? Who are you praying for?

**JONAH**

*All Alone*



## 5 Extreme Survival Stories

A deadly collision in midair tests a man's will to live. A mega twister rips apart a town but spares the smallest. 5 cases of beating the odds, and it's all caught on tape.



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Jonah 1:17-3:1

*All Ashore*



“I was so obsessed with what was going on inside the whale, that I missed seeing what was going on inside Jonah.”

Thomas Carlyle

*All Ashore*

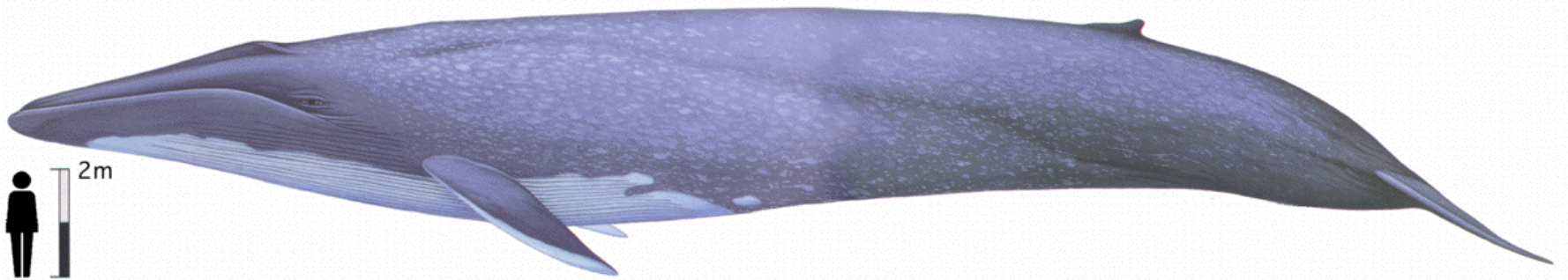


# I. God Hurls the Rebellious into the Depths.

*All Ashore*

1:17-2:6

The Blue  
Whale  
*Balaenoptera*  
*Musculus*



“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:10-11

# I. God Hurls the Rebellious into the Depths.

Failure is Never Final  
But it Can Be Fearful.

*All Ashore*

1:17-2:6

# II. God Hears the Repentant from the Depths.

*All Ashore*

2:6-10

# Resisting Repentance?

1. Denial
2. Defend
3. Deflect
4. Distract

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## II. God Hears the Repentant from the Depths.

Failure is Never Final  
Because the Father is  
Faithful.

*All Ashore*

2:6-10

# III. God Holds Out Restoration after the Depths.

Failure is Never Final  
Because Faith Changes  
the Future.

*All Ashore*

**Failure is Never Final.**

*All Ashore*

