

Jonah: More than a Fish Story

Remember the movie “Forrest Gump?”

My mama always said, “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.”

Mama says, “Stupid is
as stupid does.”

“Me and Jenny go
together like peas and
carrots.”

“I’m not a smart man, but
I know what love is.”

Book of Jonah has lots of fascinating elements, but what's the book about?

I. What the story is
NOT about!

A. It's not a fish story.

Jonah 1:17

The Lord appointed a
great fish.

Jonah 4:6 The Lord
appointed a plant.

Jonah 4:7 The Lord
appointed a worm.

Jonah 4:8 God appointed
a scorching east wind.

KJV, NKJV, ASV - prepared

NAS - designated

NIV - provided

NLT - arranged

ESV, HCSB - appointed

The fish, the plant, the worm and
the scorching wind are all props!
Real? Of course, but they are not
the Story!

B. The story is NOT about how important we are in God's will being accomplished!

II. This story is about one thing - the incredible mercy and grace of God!

It is about His love for
sinful people!

5 quick observations

1. Jonah is a picture of us.

2. People in our world are exactly like the people who lived in Assyria.

3. Like Jonah, we don't
like them very much.

4. In spite of how we may feel, God loves them.

5. It shows us clearly that salvation is a work of God, not man. Not Jonah's preaching nor their life altering repentance.