



23rd June 2019

JONAH - A Story of Passionate Pursuit

Have you ever taped a show off the television, only to have the tape (showing my age) or the hard disk storage cut off before the end. It is a desperate moment as you go back and rewind just to make sure it wasn't a simple "unplugging" and that in fact the end of the movie will forever remain a mystery.

In a not too dissimilar way, often I will hear someone's review of a movie, ending with the comment "I didn't think much of the ending." So often in this day and age, the ending is simply a lead in to the next movie, How things end matters. I suspect many of us like resolution. IF not a happily ever after, at least everyone deserves what they get, and good wins out in the end. A lack of resolution can leave us unsure how to feel and we are left with the challenge to work through why we feel like we do.

Over these next three weeks we will be moving our way through the book of Jonah as a book. With four chapters we almost have four movies, each with a profound ending, but one that begs a new beginning. We left him last week, in the middle of the ocean sinking to the depths, only to be gathered up by a great fish. What may well seem like a pretty definite end.

But instead, a big TO BE CONTINUED splashed across the screen.

How true is that of our own lives? We, like Jonah, and in fact every character in scripture, journeys through life, a life formed by decisions and choices big and small. For all Jonah's ebbing and flowing, even til the very end, there is God, creator of sea and land, abounding in love and compassion, a way through in the midst of a storm, a beginning when all we see is the end.

...yet you have bought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God.
Jonah 2: 6b

To be continued
Pete

CREATE - After School Activity Club

Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm
@Playford Uniting Church
Call Nick : 0402 808 744

Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Toy Story 4 - Gawler Cinema
Monday June 24, 7pm for 7.30 start
Tickets: Adults & Kids \$13
Available from PUC Office

Prayer for the North Sunday July 7th

Hosted @ Playford Uniting Church

Starting at 6pm

Come along and pray for our churches
and communities in the North.

CURRENT SERIES

- JONAH -

"A Story of Passionate Pursuit"

Sunday June 23rd: Pete Riggs

Jonah 2 - Jonah Prays & God Hears

Sunday June 30th: Leanne Davis

Jonah 3 - Jonah Preaches & Ninevah Repents

Sunday July 7th: Ryan Windle

Jonah 4 - God Saves & Jonah Sulks

Last Weeks Sermon

- By Pete Riggs

"Jonah 1: God Calls & Jonah Runs"

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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