



30th June 2019

JONAH - A Story of Passionate Pursuit

As I write, Josh, our firstborn, has arrived in Perth and is awaiting the next flight that will take him a world away.

He heard a guest speaker talking of a trip to Kenya, and something stirred in him. Whether it was with a specific message, or the call to simply take a risk to go and see, I am not completely sure, but he heard the call, and now has gone. We are experiencing the wonderful and tearing sensation of being fully supportive in letting Josh go, and even encouraging him to do so, and at the very same time feeling the deep sense of missing him.

I can almost hear other parents, more mature than I, wistfully remarking..." Sounds a lot like what happens when your kids grow up. Better get used to it." We know that this opportunity is a great one and a privilege to be able to take, but it is Josh who has to do the work. We send him, but he undertakes the journey. We tell him how incredible it will be to head to the children's homes in Kenya, but he is the one that will have to grapple with all that it means to be there.

We will experience Kenya and his journey through his eyes and ears, through his stories. We will be drawn deeper into the beauty and wonder of the works of God, as God works in him.

In a similar way, our journey with Jonah is offering us the opportunity to do much the same. We see God through Jonah's eyes and ears, through his questions and anger, through his submission and his failings. As we lean in, and listen even closer, we may hear in Jonah's cries, that far from not knowing God at all, he in fact knows God all too well; as One far more gracious and compassionate than we, as One who truly is the Lord of all. We have much to discover if we are brave.

"I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

Jonah 4:2

Grace and peace
Pete

CREATE - After School Activity Club

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

Playford Men's Night

Saturday July 6th
7pm at Playford UC

Come along for a relaxed night, enjoying each other's company and good food.

RSVP Tony Craig: 0431 180 618

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 SERMON SERIES

- JONAH -

"A Story of Passionate Pursuit"

Sunday June 30th: Leanne Davis

Jonah 3 - Jonah Preaches & Ninevah Repents

Sunday July 7th: Ryan Windle

All In Kids & Youth Service
Jonah 4 - God Saves & Jonah Sulks

Last Weeks Sermon

- By Pete Riggs


"Jonah 2: Jonah Prays & God Hears"

Coming Soon...

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

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