



Pastor's Comments

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A True Fish Story!

Upon being asked about a **fish button** he was wearing, an old sailor explained, "Well, it goes back some sixty years when I was a lad and went to sea. On the ship I happened to take, the captain was a Christian. We hadn't gone far out to sea when he ordered all hands on deck. 'Boys,' he said, 'it has always been my custom to pray whenever I set out on a voyage and to commit the ship to the Lord.' Right there he ordered us all down on our knees while he prayed and committed the ship, everyone, and everything on board to the Lord. Every day he prayed with us and read the Bible. It wasn't long before every sailor on board was converted to God. It was not only the captain's teaching, but his life that won us. There was no drinking, fighting, or swearing during the entire voyage.

"We had a fair trip around the Cape and north to India. All went well until we sailed into the Bay of Biscay. There we ran into a terrible storm. Our ship was lifted mountain high then plunged to the depth of the sea. Suddenly she **struck a sharp rock**, and we rushed to the pumps. Work as hard as we would, we could not stop the water from rising. Completely worn out we told the captain we were beaten! Our good captain did not seem worried. 'Boys,' he said, 'you remember when we left England two years ago, we prayed and committed the ship to God. He will see us safely through.' We returned to work, and it wasn't long before we noticed the water was going down. In a short time the ship was pumped dry. What happened, we didn't know. We just thanked Almighty God and upon reaching smooth water held a praise meeting.

"On reaching shore, the ship was dry-docked. What do you suppose we found? That great hole was **corked by a fish—a dolphin**, if you please! The same Lord Who spoke to Jonah's fish spoke to that dolphin so he poked his nose into the ship's hole."

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