

Total Surrender

Jonah 2:1-9

Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish: ² I called to the Lord in my distress, and He answered me. I cried out for help in the belly of Sheol; You heard my voice. ³ You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas, and the current overcame me. All Your breakers and Your billows swept over me. ⁴ But I said: I have been banished from Your sight, yet I will look once more toward Your holy temple. ⁵ The waters engulfed me up to the neck; the watery depths overcame me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ I sank to the foundations of the mountains; the earth with its prison bars closed behind me forever! But You raised my life from the Pit, Lord my God! ⁷ As my life was fading away, I remembered Yahweh. My prayer came to You, to Your holy temple. ⁸ Those who cling to worthless idols forsake faithful love, ⁹ but as for me, I will sacrifice to You with a voice of thanksgiving. I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation is from the Lord!

-Even in our disobedience, God is faithful

Overarching Theme: Balance of God's grace and discipline

-God hears and responds to desperate people in desperate circumstances

-God hears and responds to us (desperate people) when we're in desperate circumstances that we caused

-God shows grace when He disciplines

-Worldly things are never worth what we gave up to get them

-God's faithful love > everything

What are you going to do? Keep running or surrender?

When you mess up, don't give up. Look up, and God will show up.