

SIGNIFICANT: Seek
Jonah 2

MAIN POINT: Give thanks for God's grace and purpose in your life.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Jonah 1:17-2:1 (NIV): ¹⁷ Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ¹From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

SLIDE: Prayer is the instrument God uses to bring us into closer relationship with him.

SLIDE: "To concentrate so much on what happened inside the fish is to miss what happened inside Jonah... which is a great mistake."-JM Boice

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Jonah 2:2 (NIV): ² He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

SLIDE: In desperation Jonah prayed and God delivered him.

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Jonah 2:3-4 (NIV): ³You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

SLIDE: True gratitude acknowledges God's unique power to bring about everything he wills.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:5-6, 11 (NIV): ⁵“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

SLIDE: **We can despise discipline, be discouraged by it, resist it, or submit to it for its intended purposes.**

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Jonah 2:5-7 (NIV): The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. ⁷“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Jonah 2:8-10 (NIV): ⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. ⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’” ¹⁰And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

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SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 12:40 (NIV): ⁴⁰For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.