

Jonah
Chapter 2
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Last week we saw

- When you run from God, he may send a storm to get your attention.
- When you run from God, you put others in danger.
- When you run from God, your worst nightmare might happen.

**IV. WHEN YOU RUN TO GOD, HE WILL
HEAR YOU**

Jonah 2:1-2

1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

2 And he said: “ I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, *And* You heard my voice.”

A. Jonah’s prayer is _____,
_____ and _____

Jonah 2:2 & 3 NIV

2 He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave ^[a] I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me."

This is something you need to know about God. He is always _____ for you to come back to him.

B. Jonah's prayer is _____.

1. He realized the _____ of his storm.

Why does God bring storms into our lives?

- God is not trying to get back at us for straying, he's just trying to _____!

2. He _____ and turned to God.

There is a reason he repented!

- a. He wants us to associate _____ with pain.

God will _____ us in order to _____ us.

b. He wants us to realize that to run from God is to run from his

_____.

Jonah 2: 8 NIV 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."

V. GOD IS A GOD OF SECOND CHANCES!

VI. CONCLUSION

A. The story of Jonah shows us that God loves us too much to let us _____.

B. God will use you despite your _____!

C. When you stop _____ – you start _____.