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Runaway: Jonah Series #3 of 5

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Jonah 2:1 to 3:3

Running Towards God

Jonah 2:1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. 2 He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave 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. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' 5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. 7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. 9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." 10 And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. . . .

A Quick Review from Chapter One

We are all " _____ " but running doesn't _____ and it won't give you _____ .

God will control circumstances to help you _____ what _____ called you to do because your calling is as _____ for _____ as it is for those you will minister to.

You can run from God but you can't outrun God!

What Jonah Expected!

1. Jonah thought that his running had brought about the _____. He was _____!
Jonah 1: . . . I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."
2. Jonah thought that God wanted _____. He was _____!
3. Jonah thought that being thrown into the sea was the _____ way _____. He was _____!

Please Note:

Jonah learned much about _____ while running _____. Him. It's much easier to learn _____ running but . . .

What Did Jonah Learn?

1. Jonah learned that God was more interested in _____ than _____.

Jonah 2:1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. . . .

2. Jonah learned that God _____ to the _____ of "runners."

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3. Jonah learned that it is God that _____ the circumstances that will help us _____ to Him.

Jonah 2: 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.

4. Jonah learned that God's discipline is _____. There is no " _____ " for good behavior.

Jonah 2:5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; . . .

-- God _____ us enough to _____ us!

5. Jonah learned that it often takes a _____ to remember that God _____ us and he _____ us!

Jonah 2:7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

6. Jonah learned that _____ is not found in running or dying; but in living _____ a Holy God!

Jonah 2: 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. 9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

7. Jonah learned that our God is a God of _____.

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Consider:

The running towards God is an _____ step after running _____ God. Don't short-change this _____!

One Thought, Idea, Question or Action?