

# "Grace Toward Those At the End of their Rope" God's Grace in Unexpected Places • pt. 3 Jonah 2

## INTRODUCTION

- God's discipline is...
  - + \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 12:6, 8)
  - + \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 12:9)
  - + \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 12:10)

"The fact that God continues to discipline us after we have confessed our sin does not mean we are not forgiven. Chastening is not God's 'getting even'. God 'got even' at the cross. Nor is God's chastening meted out in proportion to our sins (Ps. 103:10), but in proportion to the lesson we have to learn. God does not delight in chastening; He delights in us." — R.T. Kendall

## 1. *Jonah's plight*

- how did God use a fish?
- why did God use a fish?
  - + on a micro level...  
Phil. 1:6; 1 Cor. 11:30
  - + on a macro level...  
Mt. 12:40

## 2. *Jonah's prayer*

- structure of his prayer (chronologically)
  - + Jonah cast into the sea (2:5-6a)
  - + Jonah calls out to God (2:4, 7)
  - + Jonah experiences a deliverance (2:2, 6b)
  - + Jonah recognizes God's hand (2:3)
  - + Jonah makes a vow of thanksgiving (2:8-9)
- style of his prayer

## 3. *Jonah's progress*

- a. God \_\_\_\_\_ down before He \_\_\_\_\_ up.  
Prov. 6:16-17  
Mt. 5:3; 1 Pet. 5:6; Jms. 4:8-10

"Humility is facing the truth. It is useful to remind myself that the word [humility] comes from humus, earth, and in the end simply means that I allow myself to be earthed in the truth that lets God be God, and me his creature. If I hold on to this it helps prevent me from putting myself at the centre, and instead allows me to put God and other people at the centre." — Esther de Waal

- b. God \_\_\_\_\_ my life.  
Jon. 2:3, 6

- faith is the gift of God  
Phil. 1:29
- repentance is the gift of God  
Acts 5:31; 2 Tim. 2:24-26

- c. God greatly \_\_\_\_\_ those \_\_\_\_\_ to be used.