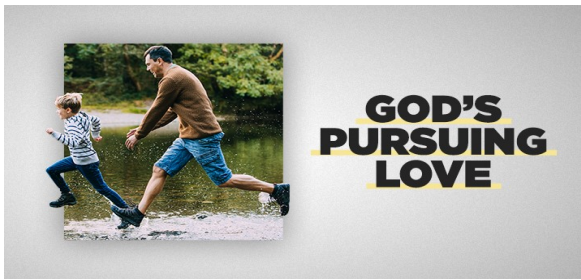


“Getting What You Need, Not What You Want!”

God’s Pursuing Love series

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Jonah 2:1-2, “From inside the fish, Jonah **prayed** to the Lord his God. He said: ‘In my **distress** I **called on the Lord** and **He answered me.**”

- “Let us then approach the throne of grace with **confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16
- “In my **distress.**” Jonah 2:2
- In Hebrew, the word “Distress” means “the pain of **CHILDBIRTH.**”

Jonah 2:2, “From the depths of the **grave** I called for help, and you listened to my cry.”

- “Grave” in Hebrew means “grave” or “**HELL.**”
- Literally Jonah’s saying, “I was as good as dead & in **HELL**, but God, in His mercy, caused me to be **BORN AGAIN!**”

God still did a **MIRACLE** even though Jonah was still in **PAIN.**

- Don’t overlook all of the **LITTLE THINGS** God may be doing along the way!

Jonah 2:6, “To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. **But You, God** brought my life **up from the pit.**”

- Never forget the “**BUT GOD**” moments!

Jonah 2:7, “When my life was ebbing away, **I remembered You, Lord**, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.”

- Many times when things go well, we put God on a **SHELF** & then go on with **SELF.**

Jonah 2:8, “Those who cling to worthless idols **forfeit the grace** that could be theirs.”

- “Grace” in Hebrew means “the **PURSUING LOVE** of God.”

Jonah 2:9, “What I have vowed I will make **good.**”

- Write down what God is telling you to make good now:

- “Salvation comes from **the Lord.**” Jonah 2:9
- Salvation is from God. It’s not from **YOU!**