

## Why God disciplines

Jonah 1:12-17

- I. God disciplined Jonah so he would take full responsibility for his sin (Jonah 1:12-14).
  - A. Jonah despairingly told the men to throw him overboard to calm the storm (1:12).
  - B. The men resisted throwing Jonah overboard in fear of God's judgment (1:13-14).
  
- II. God graciously spared the sailors' lives and received their worship (Jonah 1:15-16).
  - A. The sailors threw Jonah into the sea and the sea grew calm (1:15).
  - B. The sailors worshipped God with sacrifices and vows for saving them (1:16).
  
- III. God's discipline was gracious because He wanted Jonah to serve Him (1:17).
  - A. God prepared a great fish that swallowed Jonah (1:17a).
  - B. God kept Jonah alive in the fish for 3 days and nights (1:17b).
    1. Jonah assumed he faced God's judgment but he actually experienced God's gracious discipline.
    2. God spared Jonah because He wanted to use Jonah.

### Hebrews 12:4-12

- God's discipline is normal and constant (Hebrews 12:4-8).
- God's discipline produces the best things (Hebrews 12:9-11).

