
SERMON OUTLINE

God's compassion in our brokenness

Jonah 2:1-6

Context: Jonah recalls his prayers when the sailors threw him into the sea (Jonah 2:1).

- I. Jonah prayed in desperation (Jonah 2:2).
 - A. Jonah prayed desperately for his life (2:2a).
 - B. God answered his cry for help (2:2b).
 - God listens because he loves us and has future plans to use us.

- II. Jonah prayed in his guilt and misery (Jonah 2:3-4).
 - A. Jonah admitted his misery and fate were God's discipline for his sin (2:3).
 - B. Jonah hoped to be in God's temple again (2:4).
 - God listens when we are miserable in our sin.

- III. Jonah prayed for the impossible (Jonah 2:5-7).
 - A. Jonah was drowning and strangling at the bottom of the sea (2:5-6a).
 - B. God spared Jonah through a fish swallowing and holding him 3 days (2:6b; 1:17).
 - C. When Jonah turned to pray God heard his plea from His temple (2:7).
 - God listens when we ask for the "impossible."

Desperate prayers to our compassionate God

1. Desperation makes us pursue God when we are _____ Him and _____ Him.
2. God's grace sometimes arrives in _____ packages.
3. God is not seeking worthiness, but _____.