

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

JONAH 2

5/12/24

I. PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

*Psalm 120:1 - "In my **distress** I called to the Lord and **He answered me.**"*

*Jonah 2:2 - "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and **He answered me...**"*

*Psalm 88:6-7 - "**You have put me in the depths of the pit**, in the regions dark and deep. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you **overwhelm me with all your waves.**"*

*Jonah 2:3 - "**For you cast me into the deep**, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; **all your waves and your billows passed over me.**"*

*Psalm 18:6 - "In my distress I called upon the Lord to my God: I cried for help. **From His temple he heard my voice** and my cry reached His ears."*

*Jonah 2:7b - "...and my prayer came to you into your **Holy Temple.**"*

II. MAJOR DECLARATIONS

A. God Listens

Jonah 2:2 - "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me."

~ God's grace is that He listens, no matter how far we run

B. God is Sovereign

Jonah 2:3 - "For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me."

~ God's grace is that He is sovereign over our discipline

Hebrews 12:6 - "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

C. God desires reconciliation

Jonah 2:4 - "Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'"

~ God's grace is that He provides a way to be restored

D. Jonah was dead

Jonah 2:5 - "The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head..."

~ God's grace is that He allows us to see the end of our running – death

E. God saves

Jonah 2:6 - "...at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God."

~ God's grace is that He provides salvation to sinful people

III. GOD'S GRACE IS EVIDENT IN OUR SALVATION FROM SIN AND OUR RESTORATION FROM WANDERING

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it important for Christians to be reminded of God's amazing grace? How does it change the way in which we live?
3. Have you ever prayed a passage of scripture back to God? How did it encourage your prayer life?
4. How does a passage like Jonah's prayer encourage you to worship God deeper?
5. Which of the declarations in this passage resonated most with you? Why?
6. Is there a time in your life when you could relate to Jonah...running from God into His loving discipline? What did that time of your life teach you about God?
7. Have you ever felt like God wasn't listening because you were running from Him? How does this passage in Jonah (specifically Jonah 2:2) encourage you?
8. How has God been sovereign over the difficulties of your life? What have you learned in those times?
9. What is one practical application from the sermon that you want to focus on this week?

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- This week we want to focus our prayer time on the women of our church. This weekend is our Women's Flourish retreat.
- Pray that God would utilize this time to build up and encourage the women of our church.
- Pray that our women would be sensitive to God's leading and guiding through this retreat.
- Pray that God would grow the community of women that He has blessed us with here at MCC.