

The Scandal of Grace Jonah 2

JONAH

1) What emotional state does Jonah get to – before he finally calls out to God?

“In my _____ I called to the Lord...” (2:2)

→ *God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our _____; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. ~ C.S. Lewis*

2) God lets Jonah hit rock bottom – before rescuing him:

“To the _____ of the mountains I sank down...” (2:6)

3) Jonah still maintains a self-centered spirituality:

“I” → _____ times

“Me” → _____ times

“My” → _____ times

→ *Jonah uses a flourish of words for his own deliverance, but only a few reticent words for the Ninevites and the sailors. ~ James Bruckner*

4) God's saving of Jonah (and anyone else) is always intended for a larger purpose:

• God chose _____ so that all nations would be blessed through him (Gen 12:3)

• God blessed _____ so that they might be a light to the Gentiles (Isa 49:6)

• God anointed _____ so that all who call on Him might be saved (Rom 10:13)

Response Time

1) Have you experienced the scandal of God's grace for yourself? If not, it's as simple as calling out to Jesus for mercy, confessing to Him that you're a sinner, and then entrusting the leadership of your life to Him.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ~Romans 10:13

2) With whom do you need to share God's grace? Be specific. Then pray for God to give you an opportunity to interact with this person in a way that reflects His heart.

Pray that God would open a door...

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

~Colossians 4:3-5