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My Life Becomes Full When It Is Fully God's

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"What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet lose their soul?" -Jesus, Matthew 16:26

Jonah 1:1-14

"We have all we want" is a terrible saying when 'all' does not include God." -C.S. Lewis (Problem With Pain)

What are the downsides of a self-willed life? I lose out.

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." -Jesus, Matthew 16:25 (NLT)

Others miss out.

How do I find this life?

Remember God is WORTH IT.

So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land."

This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) Jonah 1:8-10



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Believe that God doesn't give up on anyone.

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard and the raging sea grew calm.... But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah 1:15, 17a

The raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. Jonah 1:16

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

We're all 'control freaks' in one area of our lives. What is one (small) thing you "need" to have control over?

Read Jonah 1 (the whole thing). Look for ways that Jonah sought to keep control over everything and list all the ways that God took that control away.

Why do you think we have this need for control?

Have you ever seen your need to be in control damage others or hurt a relationship?

Read Matthew 16:21-27. What's going on here (context). Why do you suppose Jesus said what he said?

What does it mean to "lose your life" for Jesus' sake?

Pray for each other!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org