



When God Needs to Get Me Where He Wants Me

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What if what I want for my life and what God wants for my life are different?

Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once. Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Jonah 1

Sometimes the LAST place I want to be is the FIRST place I need to be.

I called to you from the land of the dead, I sank down to the heart of the sea. I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. Jonah 2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins. Ephesians 2:1

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. Ephesians 2:4-5

And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Jonah 2:10 (NIV)

My past doesn't define me, but it does refine me.

But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.' " Jonah 2:9 (NIV)

But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone." Jonah 2:9 (NLT)

Don't trade GRACE for anything else.

Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. Jonah 2:8

"There are lots of ways to be religious without submitting to Jesus." -Eugene Peterson

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Share about your Thanksgiving. What was the best part? Was there a hard part as well? Talk, share, and maybe pray together.

What does term "discipleship" mean to you? How would you describe it to someone who is new in their faith?

What are specific ways you've seen God shape your life? Were these ways usually easy or challenging?

Read Jonah 2. What are some surprising things you find in this chapter?

What are you going through now and what is God "forming" in your life?

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