

BEYOND THE GLORY
Seeing the Heart of God

FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR

Jonah 2:1-10 . Jeff Schreve

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

What do you do when you make a mess of your life?

1. You realize that God has not given up on you.

*For You have cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the current engulfed me. All Thy breakers and billows passed over me.
So I said, "I have been expelled from Your sight." Jonah 2:3-4*

*"But go, tell His disciples **and Peter**, 'He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.'" Mark 16:7*

2. You pray for God to help you.

A. God will do what is necessary to get your attention.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish... Jonah 2:1

B. God will answer when you really pray.

*I called out of my distress to the Lord, and He answered me. I cried for help from the depth of Sheol; You heard my voice.
Jonah 2:2*

C. God is able to work miracles.

Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You. Jeremiah 32:17

3. You walk by faith and not by feelings.

*So I said, "I have been expelled from Your sight. **Nevertheless** I will look again toward Thy holy temple." Jonah 2:4*

A. Cling to the truth that God can forgive you.

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool." Isaiah 1:18

B. Cling to the truth that God can still use you.

4. You yield to God's will.

A. God's will is for you is thanksgiving.

B. God's will for you is obedience.

*And why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?
Luke 6:46*

C. God's will for you is dependence.

Cease striving and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

You can go from the depths to deliverance if you will get right.