

HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S DISCIPLINE IS WORKING?

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE (almost death) OF JONAH

JONAH 2:1-10

- I. **REVIEW:** JONAH DISOBEYS THE LORD AND IS DISCIPLINED ALMOST TO DEATH: The brings a great storm & great fish (ch1)

- II. **THE LORD BRINGS JONAH TO THE POINT OF DEATH YET SAVES HIM (2:1-10)**
 - A. **JONAH PRAYS TO THE LORD FROM THE BELLY OF THE GREAT FISH (2:1-9)**
 1. **The depths of God's discipline:** Jonah recounts his earlier prayer from when he was drowning (1-6)
 - a. A summary: A desperate call for help to the Lord is answered (2)

 - b. Why the desperate call? He is drowning (3)

 - c. A horrifying realization: God is going to let me die (4-6a)

 - d. God's sovereign compassion exhibited in spite of Jonah: Indeed, God brought his life from the pit (6b)

 - e. Jonah summarizes: As his life slipped away, he remembered the Lord in prayer and God heard him (7)
 2. **The first fruit of God's discipline:** Jonah's deliverance from death brings him to declare... (8-9)
 - a. His thankfulness for God's lovingkind salvation, in light of those who by serving vain things, forsake it (8-9a)

 - b. His desire to obey (9a)

 - c. All credit goes to God: Salvation is from the Lord (9b)
 - B. **The ceasing of discipline:** THE LORD HAS THE GREAT FISH VOMIT JONAH ONTO DRY LAND (10)