

Sermon Title: "I WILL GO!" Prayer - Running to God

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Central Idea: It is wise to repent and pray before we find ourselves in desperate circumstances. Are you wise in this respect?

Introduction:

From an experience of rebellion and discipline, Jonah turns to an experience of repentance and dedication. God graciously gives him a new beginning. No doubt Jonah expected to die in the waters of the sea, but when he woke up inside the great fish, he realized that God had graciously spared his life.

When God first called him, Jonah should have prayed for divine help in carrying out his mission. Then he would have escaped discipline and the need for crying out to God for deliverance.

Notice the stages of Jonah's spiritual experience.

I. Jonah's Prayer, vv. 1-2

II. God's Discipline, v. 3

III. God's Promise, vv. 4-7

IV. God's Will, vv. 8-9

V. God's Redemption, v. 10

Conclusion:

How did Jonah get into all that trouble? He forgot God and neglected prayer (v. 7) and believed lies (v. 8). He learned the hard way that he could not escape God's will. However, he was wise enough to run back to God and ask for forgiveness!