God is Crazy about You, Whatever it Takes

Jonah 1:17-2:10 10 Jan 2016

Where was the ultimate bottom that Jonah hit having started down to Joppa (1:3) from the Presence of the Lord (2:6)?

What bottom have you hit avoiding God’s will, as an unbeliever, as a believer like Jonah?

Jonah prayed from the belly of the fish. His prayer says “I cried out from the belly of death.” Both the fish and the place of the dead sound unpleasant but how are they quite different? Who chose the level of unpleasantness (hint: it wasn’t God)?

How could our being saved be unpleasant but wonderful all at once? What was Jonah grateful for?

Jonah understood that to run from God is to run away from what most important thing (2:8)? Jonah was not a worshiper of physical idols – but what had he replaced his worship of God with by running away?

Why did Jonah finally decide to pray? How long had he avoided doing that (1:3, 5-6; 2:1)?

How are the Ark, baby Moses’ basket (ark), Jonah’s fish, and the Death-Burial-Resurrection of Jesus all ways God has saved His People? Did He save the best for last (Matt 12:41)?