

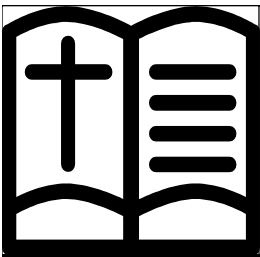
“AND AS FOR ME,...”

Part 6: “By Grace through Faith”

JONAH 1:1-17

I. RESPONSES TO GOD’S INITIATIVES

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- B. God is involved but we do not always perceive
- C. God is involved and expects a response; we are beings in His image with limited free will
- D. The principal by which God operates life with humans: *By grace through faith, not of ourselves but of God, not of works lest we should boast in what we did* Eph 2:8-10
- E. The response God seeks from a human: Humility (brokenness, contrition, recognition of inability), crying out, hearing God, faith
- F. The participants respond to God’s action
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 2. Taking all known human actions to help themselves - exhausting all paths; humility in its middler years
 3. Doing something religious to bring in the inexplicable nature of faith and the supernatural - at the very nature of us; humility as a teenager
 4. Panicked surrender looking for some explanation; finds the servant of Yahweh



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Was this God’s solution or the prophet’s solution?

II. RESPONSES TO GOD’S GOODNESS Rom 2:1-10

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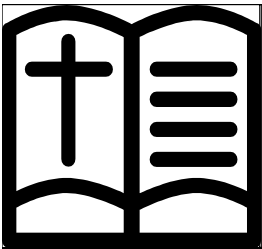
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Bad actions of the child of God have brought on confrontation with all who assist him in his rebellion, consciously or not

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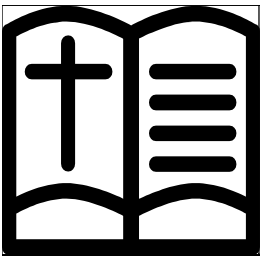
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