

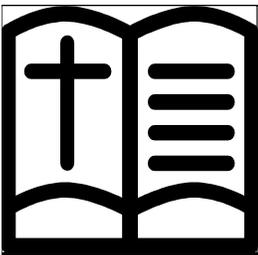
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**Part 6: “By Grace through Faith”**

**JONAH 1:1-17**

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- C. God is involved and expects a response; we are beings in His image with limited free will
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- 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
  1. Awareness of the severity and need - realization of helplessness to change the situation; the conception of humility; anxiety-produced survival mode
  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?***

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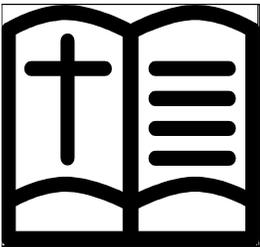
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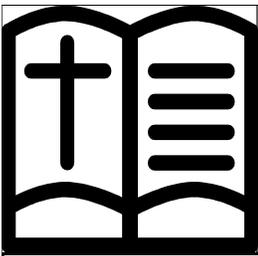
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