

SEPTEMBER 7

“GOD SAVES US FROM OURSELVES.”

READ

Jonah 1:12-2:9, John 5:19-20

God saves us from ourselves, from all that is unlike Him. All that we have been through since we were saved is God saving us from ourselves. Jonah went down into the bottom of the ship. He went overboard and down, into the belly of the fish and down. Every time we run from God we go “down.” God takes you further down to work on you, to show your need for Him. When God takes you down, you will feel helpless, like a failure with no strength left. When Jonah went down into the fish, he prayed. We talk in terms of being down, but God speaks in terms of going deep. Our “down” is just enough to make us miserable, but God’s depths are far enough to set us free from ourselves. Jonah cried out to God from a fish’s belly. It was so dark he thought God couldn’t see him. God will take you that deep. You’ll think you’re going to die. When you remember the Lord, you’ll find His mercy. From the deep, you can go to the place He called you.

PRAY

You have a purpose for my life, Lord, even if I’m proud, stubborn, disobedient, unfaithful and bad-tempered. Your plan will be accomplished. Thank You for taking me deep to rid me of those things, so that I can go where You want me to go.

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