

When the Floodwaters Rise

The Flood of Discipline (Jonah 1.1-3.10)

Jonah's Disobedience (1.1-3)

1. Jonah did not want to obey for two reasons:

1) _____

2) _____

2. Favorable circumstances do not always equate to God's

God's Discipline (1.4-2.10)

1. Sometimes we can sin and not feel _____ at all for a while

2. Our life is not ours to _____; it's God's

3. God was _____ even in the midst of harsh discipline

4. Reasons to believe this story is literally true:

1) God is able to _____ a fish like this

2) _____ believed the account (Matthew 12.40)

Three Lessons

1. God does discipline Christians for _____ sin – be warned

1) There's a difference between willful sin and _____ sin

2) God's discipline does _____

3) God's discipline is for _____

2. Not _____ suffering is God's discipline – be perceptive

1) Three sources of suffering in the world:

a) _____

b) _____ causes

c) The _____ of God

2) When you suffer, ask yourself, "Is there some _____ sin in my life?"

3. All suffering can be used by God for your growth – be _____ (1 Peter 4.12)

Additional Scriptures cited: Psalm 119.71; John 9.3