

Justified Faith  
Matthew 9:18-26

Review:

1. Jesus is willing and able to help all kinds of people with all kinds of problems
2. Trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord involves running the risk that we will have to make uncomfortable changes in our lives or that our hopes will be dashed
3. Jesus is willing and able to help us, not only solving our worldly problems but giving eternal life to all who trust in Him

Go further: Read Jonah 2

1. Where does verse 1 say Jonah prayed? To whom did he pray?
2. Why does verse 2 say Jonah cried out to the Lord? In what two ways does Jonah say God responded to his prayer?
3. Sheol was the Hebrew word for the place of the dead. When Jonah says he cried from the belly of Sheol, what do you think he means?
4. What does Jonah say happened to him in verse 3? Who does he say did this to him?
5. According to 1:15, who threw Jonah into the sea? How does this fit with what Jonah says in 2:3?
6. In verse 4, what does Jonah say has happened to him?
7. Where does this verse say he continues to look?
8. In verses 5 and 6, what does Jonah say surrounded him? How far down does he say he went?
9. What does Jonah say God did for him in verse 6?
10. When does verse 7 say Jonah remembered God?
11. Where does verse 7 say Jonah's prayers went?
12. What does Jonah say about people who insist on worshipping idols?
13. What does Jonah promise to do in verse 9?
14. Who does Jonah say is the source of salvation?
15. What does verse 10 say God did after Jonah prayed?

Apply:

1. Have you ever been in a desperate situation like the one Jonah describes, where your problems seem to surround you? How did God answer your prayers?
2. Have you ever felt like you had messed up so badly that God couldn't hear your prayers? What does Jonah's experience in this chapter say about that?
3. Jonah prayed this prayer while he was in terrible trouble. How have your own times of difficulty made prayer more urgent for you?
4. How does Jonah's experience give you hope in the midst of your own difficult situations?