

Our Will or God's Most?

Jonah 1:17-2:2

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

And he said:

"I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,

And He answered me.



The part we don't get

Genesis 37:3-7

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

Far from a “life of privilege”

Genesis 37:27

“...Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh.”

Genesis 39:17-18

"The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside.”

Genesis 40:23

Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

A Godly epiphany

Genesis 45:5-8

But now, **do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves** because you sold me here; for **God sent me before you to preserve life**. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. **And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth**, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now **it was not you who sent me here, but God**; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

The God of second chances

Luke 15

God is seeking us, not the other way around
V:4-7

Light, brooms and the inherently valuable
V:8-10

God's special child
V:31-32

Sometimes life...

Jonah 2:10

“So the LORD spoke to the fish,
and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. “

