

God of the Second Chance

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“Return to Sender”

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Jonah 2:1-3

¹From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ²He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and You listened to my cry. ³You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all Your waves and breakers swept over me."

Key Principle #1

Just as leaving, wandering, and running away from God is a _____, so is returning; it is not just one singular event.
(Isaiah 44:22; Nehemiah 1:9; Joel 2:12)

Key Principle #2

God will use a variety of means to _____ people back to Himself. (John 12:32; Jeremiah 31:3)

What are the main tools that God uses to draw people back?

1. God uses supernatural _____ and interruptions as magnets to draw people back to Himself.

Application: Pray that God would use unique circumstances to not only _____ your loved one's attention but also _____ his/her heart.

2. God uses _____ to draw people back to Himself.

2 Chronicles 15:4

But in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them.

Application: Pray that God's pressure points would cause your loved one to not become more _____ but turn to the Lord.

3. God uses _____ as catalysts to draw others back to Himself.

Application: Pray that God would bring key individuals into the life of your loved one and strategically use them as His divine

_____!

4. God uses the power of _____ to draw people back to Himself.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Psalms 18:6 – In my distress I called to the Lord...

Psalms 86:13 – You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

Psalms 88:6 – You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

Psalms 42:7 – all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Application: Pray that God would bring scripture back to the _____ of your loved one.

John 14:26

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.