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Jonah 2:2

“Then Jonah prayed to the LORD, his God, out of the fish’s belly, “I cried by reason of my affliction to the LORD, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried, and You heard my voice.” Jonah 2:2

Most often, it is at our point of felt need that we cry out to God. We may have prayed but in this moment, we PRAY! Such times might best be called desperate prayer! This sort of prayer is determined to take hold of God and in bulldog faith fashion – will not let go until the LORD answers!

The Scyro-Phoenician woman endured Jesus’ test of her faith and she came out of this encounter with Him with her felt need being met – the total healing of her daughter. (Matthew 15). Blind Bartimaeus, refused to allow the crowds to quiet either his desperate cry or his faith – *his cry of faith* – caught Jesus’ attention and he left this encounter with Jesus a healed and whole man! (Mark 10:46 – 52).

Never mistake desperation with desperate faith. One will cry out of hopelessness and fear but have no faith to precipitate an answer. (Hebrews 11:6). The other – a desperateness of faith – looks to the One Who is the Answer and Who alone can answer their cry!

To focus solely on your present circumstances most likely will produce desperation without hope. But to reach your point of felt need with an eye of faith upon Jesus and His Word will surely bring you great joy as you possess your answer!

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