"A Song in the Belly"

JONAH 2

1. God Shapes His People for Faithfulness

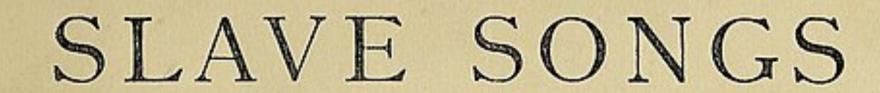
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Job 27:2-5— "As God lives,... as long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, my lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. I will hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days.



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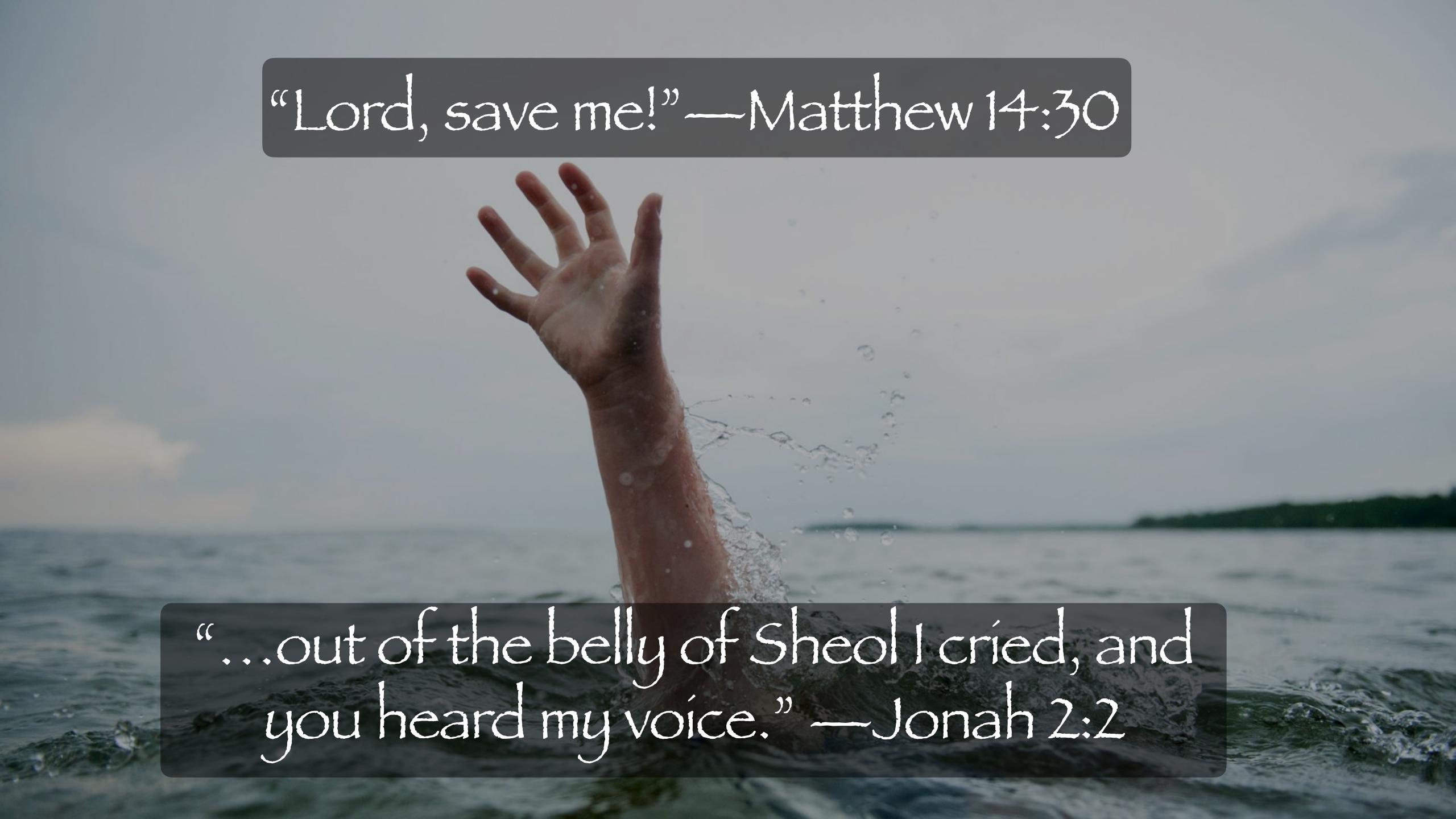
Jonah's Song in a sentence:

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A. Godis Faithful (vv. 1-2)—

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol cried, and you heard my voice."



A. Godis Faithful (vv. 1-2)—

B. To discipline those He loves (v. 3)—

"For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me."

- A. God is Faithful (vv. 1-2)—
- B. To discipline those He loves (v. 3)—
- C. So that they might be restored (vv.4-6)—

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Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' The waters closed in over me to take my life the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

3. It is Never too Late to Return to Him

Jonah 2: 7—When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

Jonan verses 8-9-"Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

