

# Confessions

- I am a child of God!
- God loves me
- I have the mind of Christ
- I am always above, never beneath
- I walk in peace
- I am 10 times wiser than the world
- I have self control
- I am the head and not the tail
- I love myself
- I make good choices
- I have quick understanding

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- I will respect adults, other students, and myself at all times
- I will communicate with my parents in ADVANCE
- I will be organized-keeping up with my books, paper, pencils, & school work
- I will put things back in their proper place
- I am on time
- I will be bold enough to ask when I don't know
- I will respect personal space
- Today is the best day of my life
- I am a child of God!



# Praise and Worship

## 4 These Blessings

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# Enduring Faith

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# Focus Thought

If we remain faithful to God in the difficult times of trials and correction, as the result God will bring the spiritual perfection we need into our lives and make us righteous.

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# Focus Verse

## Hebrews 12:11

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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# Lesson Text

## Hebrews 12:5–11

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

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# Lesson Text

## Hebrews 12:5–11

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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# Contemplating the Lesson



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# I. Jonah Ran From God's Call

- A. Headed in the opposite direction from the divine will of God. But thank God for second chances.
- B. Jonah was from “Missouri”. He learned something in darkness.
- C. Sometimes we think it is easier to just run. It's NOT!!!
- D. He Took a Ship to Tarshish in Disobedience-he was trying to run.



What Scripture verses have helped you not to run from the will of God in times of difficulty and testing?



# I. Jonah Ran From God's Call

- A. He Took a Ship to Tarshish in Disobedience
  - Think about Job
  - The heart that loves the Lord loves to be taught the disciplines of His Word.
  - Why me? Why not others?- The ultimate question is whether or not the Lord sees us and knows what we are going through. *What is God's purpose?*
- B. He Was Confronted with an **Inescapable** Storm
  - God has a purpose for our lives. We should run towards it, now away from it.



## II. Jonah Knew God Was Trying to Correct Him

- A. Jonah's storm was God's intervention.  
(inter=?; vent=?)



Why do you think people run from the will of God?

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## II. Jonah Knew God Was Trying to Correct Him

### A. He Was Thrown Overboard

- Jonah had been faithless, disobedient, and astray from God’s holiness.
- Is our disobedience hurting others?
- Are you willing to sacrifice yourself?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to get people to change and respond to God’s will? (God had to send the “big fish”).
- He was made “uncomfortable”. He began to pray and praise.

### B. He Repented in the Belly of the Fish and Was Spit Out on Dry Ground

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How can Jonah's experience of the supernatural amidst chastisement encourage us?

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## II. Jonah Knew God Was Trying to Correct Him

- A. He Obeyed the Lord and Went to Nineveh to Preach
- B. Nineveh was able to receive the good news of God's mercy because Jonah finally accepted his purpose/calling.



# III. God's Correction Helps Us Become Righteous

- A. The Lord Disciplines Those He Loves
  - Training
- B. His Correction Is That We May Partake in His Holiness
  - Our positive response to God's discipline is essential. (leadership quality)
- C. His Correction Is That We May Yield the Fruit of Righteousness
  - The discipline of the Lord in the heart of the child of God brings a welcome and needed corrective afterward.



In what ways have you been strengthened by the Lord's discipline in your own life?

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