I. Introduction.
   A. Text: Jonah 2.
   B. Jesus uses the Noah story as an illustration of his death, burial and resurrection proving its historicity.
   C. There were four stages in Noah's relationship with the Lord.

II. Disobedience.
   A. With Jonah's knowledge of God, we would expect him to obey God.
   B. He forgot the Lord—he did not bring God into his circumstances.
   C. He neglected prayer.
   D. He believed lies.

III. Discipline.
   A. God did not give up on Jonah. God is as concerned about the worker as the work.
   B. Whenever you find a believer out of the will of God, you find trouble. (Hebrews 12)
   C. God disciplines those he loves.
   D. God disciplines us to remind us of his word.
   E. God disciplines to remind us what it is like to be lost.
   F. Our response: we can despise, fight or fume, but we are called to submit.

IV. Dedication.
   A. The whole problem is one of the will.
   B. When we confess our sins, God forgives. (1 John 1:9)
   C. The victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings.

V. Deliverance.
   A. God changes circumstances when character changes.
   B. God keeps working until the job gets done.
   C. People need to see walking miracles.
   D. We have to die to ourselves in order to have a deeper life.
Application questions:

1. When have you believed lies that led to disobedience?
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2. How would you respond to a Christian who says that the idea of discipline is evil?
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3. How are we to view circumstances different in light of character development? Explain.
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