

## **Life Isn't Always Rainbows and Unicorns A Fast Solution To Your Problems**

**Mission Statement: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

### **1. You are one humble prayer away from a turning point!**

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. **Jonah 2:1-6 NIV**

### **2. When running from God, your world gets smaller (less choices) and you begin to settle for less.**

"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. 'Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.' " **Jonah 2:7-8 NIV**

### **3. Become grateful for the blessings of God even while trapped.**

"But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.' " And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. **Jonah 2:9-10 NIV**

**Gratitude leads to:**

- a. Praise**
- b. Giving/Sacrifice**
- c. Obedience**

### **4. God's commands still stand. Go back and obey where you left off.**

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. **Jonah 3:1-3 NIV**

**Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New International Version. The Entitlement Cure, by Dr. John Townsend.**