



“You Can Run ...” Jonah 1

Scanning

1. As a teenager, when you were told to do something you did not want to do were you more likely to: 1) obey out of fear of consequences 2) ignore the command 3) make excuses why you couldn't obey 4) run and hide somewhere 5) say 'yes' and not follow through 5) outwardly comply but inwardly be frustrated 5) willingly obey because you respected their authority and trusted them.
2. Based on your answer to the above question, how do you think that has that influenced the rest of your life?

Dwelling & Applying

1. GOD HAS A REVEALED WILL FOR OUR LIVES. *Jonah 1:2*

2. WE DO NOT ALWAYS FOLLOW GOD'S REVEALED WILL FOR OUR LIVES. *Jonah 1:3*

- Where do we find God's revealed will? What are some things God has asked you to be and do in his revealed will? What is something God has asked you to do in his revealed will that seems unreasonable or difficult to obey?
- Share something God has revealed to you in the scriptures that you did not want to do, and didn't do. What was the result?
- Share something God has revealed in the scriptures to you that you did not want to do, but did? What was the result?
- What is the Nineveh of your life?

3. WE CAN ALWAYS FIND AN EXCUSE AND “ESCAPE” FOR NOT FOLLOWING GOD'S REVEALED WILL. *Jonah 1:3*

- In your spiritual life, which direction are you running: toward God, away from God, with God, or behind God?
- Share a time when you thought you could ignore or run from God. Where did you end up?
- What excuse do you use for not following God? Why do you use that excuse?
- What does our thought that we can “escape” God reveal about our view of God?

4. GOD USES CIRCUMSTANCES TO GET OUR ATTENTION. *Jonah 1:4-12*

- What kind of circumstances has God used to get your attention in the past?
- What did those circumstances reveal to you? How long did it take to get your attention? And once it got your attention how long did it take for your heart to change?
- How did God use those circumstances to change your view of Him?

5. GOD MOVES FORWARD IN THE MIDST OF OUR DISOBEDIENCE.

Jonah 1:15-17

- Do you at times believe that God is dependent upon you? If so why?
- When have you seen God work in spite of your disobedience?
- What does it reveal about God that he works in the midst of our disobedience?

Memorizing

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. – John 3:17 ESV

Praying

Pray that God would open your eyes and ears to what he has for you in his revealed will of the scriptures and that you would have a heart soft to obey. Turn back to God, repent, if you have run from anything He has revealed in the scriptures. Thank God for revealing himself to you and for showing you the way of life in his revealed will. Thank God for being bigger than you and working in spite of you.

Upcoming Messages:

Aug. 29	Jonah 2
Sept. 5	Jonah 3
Sept. 12	Jonah 4
Sept. 19	New series begins in the book of 1 John. Title of the series TBA soon

