

JONAH-1
YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE

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*Jonah 1:1-3 - The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." ³ But Jonah **ran away from the LORD** and headed for Tarshish. He went **down** to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to **flee from the LORD**.*

JONAH: KNOWN AS "THE RELUCTANT PROPHET."
HIS NAME MEANS _____.

AMITTAI: MEANS _____.

NINEVAH: CAPITAL OF ASSYRIA. NINEVEH WAS ISRAEL'S WORST
_____.

Jonah 1:1 *The **word of the LORD** came to Jonah son of Amittai. . .*

1) **GOD WILL OFTEN ASK YOU TO DO THINGS YOU DON'T**
_____ TO DO.

Jonah 1:2 - *"Go to the great city of Nineveh and **preach against it**, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

2) **YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND A BOAT SAILING IN THE _____ DIRECTION.**

Jonah 1:3 - *But Jonah **ran away from the LORD** and headed for Tarshish. He went **down** to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to **flee from the LORD**.*

3) **GOD MAY SEND A STORM TO GRAB YOUR _____.**

Jonah 1:4 - *Then the LORD **sent a great wind** on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.*

Jonah 1:8-10 - *So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and **I worship the Lord**, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land."¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)*

Jonah 1:12 - *"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is **my fault** that this great storm has come upon you."*

4) **JONAH'S WORST NIGHTMARE WAS EXACTLY WHAT HE _____.**

Jonah 1:15-17 - *Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.¹⁷ But the Lord **provided a great fish** to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.*

Questions for Your Devotional Time

- 1) In his mind, Jonah had legitimate reasons for not wanting to preach to the Ninevites. Describe a time when you disobeyed God's direction and faced the consequences.**
- 2) What has God used in your past (or present) to get your attention?**
- 3) What has God asked you to do that you haven't done? (Is there any area of disobedience in your life?)**