



Where Am I Going?

Jonah 1:1-4

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Psalms 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 2:10 ...the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. (NAS)

Jonah the Man (760 BC)

(2 Kings 14:23-25, Matthew 12:38-41; 16:4; Luke 11:29-32)

Jonah the Book

Chapter 1: Running from God

Chapter 2: Running to God

Chapter 3: Running with God

Chapter 4: Running against God

Jonah's story is our story: We all run from God.

Jonah 1:1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it, because their wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah got up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship that was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and boarded it to go with them to Tarshish away from the presence of the LORD. 4 However, the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea, so that the ship was about to break up. (NAS)

▪ **The Call** (1-2)

God spoke to Jonah, and God still speaks to us and directs us.

God's word comes to us through: Scripture, Prayer, Christians, Holy Spirit.

God changes people with people!

God sends people to transform people.

Who is God sending me to influence?

▪ **The Conflict** (3)

Am I willing to do whatever God says, even if it is out of my comfort zone?

To run from God's call is to run from God's presence.

I cannot resist God's call and remain close to God at the same time.

When I run from God, I run to the strangest places.

Disobedience always costs us something.

▪ **The Consequences** (4)

The Bible does not say that every storm is the result of sin, but it does say that every sin will result in a storm. All sin has a storm attached to it.

When I run away from God long enough, I will run into a storm.

Because God still loves us and wants to use us for the mission, he goes after us.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (NIV)

What is my Nineveh?

There are only two locations on my map:

Nineveh: Wherever God is directing me.

Tarshish: Whatever my Nineveh is not.

Where am I going? Nineveh or Tarshish?