

# RUNNING FROM GOD

1-Have you ever **disagreed strongly** with God?

2-Have you ever been at **Logger-Heads** with God?

3-Have you ever decided **that's it God** I'm out of here?

4-You End Up....



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## Jonah 1: 1-3 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:
- <sup>2</sup> “**Go** to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because **its wickedness** has come up before me.”
- <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its **wickedness** has come up before me.”

- - **flaying** (cutting skin into strips and pulling it off a living victim)
- - **Beheading**
- - **impaling** (inserting a sharpened stake beneath the rib cage of a living victim, putting the stake into the ground so it stood erect, and leaving the victim until the stake pierced a vital organ causing the victim to die)
- - **Burning** people (especially babies and children) alive
- - **Severing** hands, feet, noses, ears, tongues, and testicles
- - **Gouging** out eyes.

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- 2 “**Go** to the great city of Nineveh and **preach** against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”
- Knowing exactly what God requires of me and been unwilling to comply in any shape or form.

**Disobedience:**  
What it looks like?

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- With Jonah it was **doing the exact opposite** to what was required of him.

**Defiance:**  
What it looks like?

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- **Ecclesiastes 12:13- (NIV)**

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:

**Fear** God and keep his commandments for this is the **duty** of all

- **Ecclesiastes 12:13- (NASB)**

Fear God and keep His commandments, because this **applies** *to every person.*

- **Deuteronomy 8:5-6 NIV**

<sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.



**Disobedience**

**Defiance**

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- 4 Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.
- 17 Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Free:**

to make our own choices

**Not Free:**

when it comes to the consequences



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How do we respond to...

**THE  
BIG  
ASK.**

**Respond by...**

**What About...**

- What about the people who may **depending** on my obedience?
- What about **the cost** of saying **NO**?
- What are **benefits** in saying yes?

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## 3- Lessons from Jonah

**1-Calling**

**2-Responsibility**

**3-Accountability**

## Galatians (AMP)

<sup>8</sup> Let us not grow weary *or* become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

