

ONLINE SERMON
SEVEN DECISIONS WE CAN MAKE TO AVOID
SPIRITUAL DERAILEMENT (PART 2)
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4. Decide to *respond* to God (Jonah 2:1, 2)

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. 2 He said, I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and He answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and Lord, you heard me!

Trials have a way of bringing focus. (Jonah 2:6)

I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth whose gates lock shut forever. But you, O Lord my God snatched me from the jaws of death.

- God knows our situation.
- God knows our location.

5. Decide to *respond* to God's call. (Jonah 3:1-3)

Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time. 2 Get up and go the great city of Nineveh and deliver the message I have given you. 3 This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all.

6. Decide to *leave* the results of obedience with the Lord.
 (Jonah 3:3-10)

This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. 4 On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: "Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!" 5 The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow.

7. Decide to *choose* the right attitude about serving God. (Jonah 4:1-3)

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry.

2 So, he complained to the Lord about it: didn't I say before I left home that you would do this Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. 3 Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.

Chapter 1 Jonah is running from God.

Choice in life: **DISOBEDIENT.**

Chapter 2 Jonah is running to God.

Choice in life: **DEPENDENT**

Chapter 3 Jonah is running with God.

Choice in life: **DECISIVE**

Chapter 4 Jonah is running against God.

Choice in life: **DEFEATED**

- What chapter are you writing with your life right now?
- What good thing is God calling you to do?
- Are you willing to repent and ask God for a second chance?

THE LORD SPOKE TO JONAH A SECOND TIME.

Jonah 3.1

Dear Lord Jesus,

I sense that I am being drawn to You. I have the desire to be right with You. I admit that in my life I have sinned and have done things with my mind and body that is clearly against Your will. Forgive me and purify my heart. I ask You to wash away the guilt of my sins and to make me a friend of God. May I live in freedom, peace, and purpose all the days of my life because of Your grace. AMEN.