

ONLINE SERMON
SEVEN DECISIONS WE CAN MAKE TO AVOID
SPIRITUAL DERAILEMENT (PART 1)
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1. Decide that *obedience* to God is life's highest priority.
(Jonah 1:1-3)

*"The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai. 2 Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are. 3 But Jonah got up and went the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish." **Jonah 1:1-3***

- ⇒ **Obedience** to God brings freedom.
Disobedience brings bondage.
- ⇒ **Obedience** allows us to run to God.
Disobedience turns us away from God.

2. Decide to *make* wise decisions. (Jonah 1:4-11)

Jonah's decision to run from the Lord's calling almost cost some sailors their life.

Living in a season of disobedience will cause us to turn life toward the inside. Instead of thinking of others we think of our self.

3. Decide to *obey* God and not try to predict God's ways.
(Jonah 1:12-17)

"Now the Lord arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights." **Jonah 1:17**

"Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the final say."
Proverbs 16:1

CONFIDENCE is that feeling you have just before you fully understand the whole situation.

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.

(NOTE: Part 2 to be continued next Sunday, June 7, 2020.)