

JONAH CHAPTER 1 - THE CALL

Jonah Part 1

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Four Steps to Stubbornness

Stubbornness = refusing to change one's position, attitude or position.

1. God's **Calling.**

"The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." (Jonah 1:1-2, NLT)

2. Our **Refusal.**

"But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD" (Jonah 1:3, NLT)

3. Our **Acknowledgement.**

"Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault." (Jonah 1:12, NLT)

4. God's course correction: **Big fish.**

"Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights." (Jonah 1:17, NLT)

Four Right Responses to God's Calling

1. **Willingly** decide to follow Christ.

"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23, NLT)

2. **Activate** a mindset of serving.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" (1 Peter 4:10, ESV)

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3. **Listen** for God's direction.

"Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." (Proverbs 3:6, MSG).

4. **Kraft** a plan that honors God's purpose. (Proverbs 19:21, ESV)

"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand." (Proverbs 19:21, ESV)

POINT:

Don't **Side Step** your next step!

Action Step: Mid-Year Review of Life Development Plan.