



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## **Obedience Over Avoidance**

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### **Highlighted Scripture**

#### **Jonah 1:1–3**

**God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah chose to flee in the opposite direction rather than obey God's instruction.**

#### **Jonah 1:4–17**

**Jonah's disobedience led to a great storm at sea, and after being thrown overboard, he was swallowed by a great fish prepared by God.**

#### **Jonah 2:1–10**

**From inside the fish, Jonah prayed, repented, and turned back toward God, who graciously delivered him.**

#### **Jonah 3:1–10**

**God gave Jonah another opportunity to obey, and through his preaching, the people of Nineveh repented and turned to God.**

## **Discussion Questions**

- **Have you ever sensed God leading you toward something that made you uncomfortable?**
- **Why do people sometimes resist God's calling even when they know it is from Him?**
- **What can Jonah's story teach us about obedience and trust?**
- **How does God's willingness to give Jonah a second chance reveal His character?**
- **Are there any "Ninevehs" in your life that God may be calling you toward?**

## **Reflection Challenge**

**Spend time asking God if there is an area of obedience you have been avoiding.**

**Ask yourself:**

- **Am I running toward God's calling or away from it?**
- **Is fear, doubt, pride, or discomfort keeping me from obedience?**
- **What step of faith is God asking me to take right now?**

**Try this:**

- **Pray specifically for clarity regarding God's direction in your life**
- **Write down one area where you feel God may be calling you to act**

- **Take one practical step toward obedience this week**
- **Trust God with the outcome, even if you do not fully understand His purpose yet**

### **Remember**

- **God often calls people outside of their comfort zones**
- **Delayed obedience can lead to unnecessary struggles**
- **God's discipline is often rooted in love and correction**
- **God is a God of second chances and mercy**
- **Obedience allows God to work through us for His purposes**

### **Prayer**

**Father God,**

**Thank You for Your patience, mercy, and faithfulness.**

**Help me recognize the areas where You are calling me to obedience.**

**Give me courage to trust You even when I do not understand Your plans.**

**Remove fear, doubt, and hesitation from my heart, and help me respond with a willing spirit.**

**May I be quick to say, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."**

**In Jesus' name,**

**Amen.**













