



REDEMPTION
CITY CHURCH

Jonah Week #1
"ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD?"

Jonah 1:1-17



MAJOR MESSAGES FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

STICKY STATEMENT: IF YOU AREN'T WILLING TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING GOD SAYS, EVENTUALLY YOU WON'T HEAR ANYTHING GOD SAYS.

"Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil¹ has come up before me."³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up." **Jonah 1:1-4**

⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish." ⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)" ¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" ¹² "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.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." **V5-17**

There are 3 signs that we're running away from GOD:

1-STOP _____ TO GODS VOICE. V1

"Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,²

God's word always represents God's will

Where have you stopped listening into the Lord?

2. KEEP GOING IN THE _____ DIRECTION. V2-5

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me. ³ 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. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord." **V2-3**

"Rationalizing Sin"= when our mind makes an excuse for what our spirit knows is wrong.

if you want to run away from God, the Devil will always offer you a ride.

3- BECOME _____ IN YOUR SIN. V4-17

"⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up." ⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. **V4-5**

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." **5**

There is always a way to come back to God.

DO THE WORD: "The word of the Lord came to Jonah." v1

What warning sign is "sounding off" in your life right now as it relates to you running away from God?

Q: What is your "Tarshish" this morning? What area in your life has God clearly spoken to you about, but you're refusing to listen and obey? (in your purity, a relationship, a career move, forgiveness, in your tithing/giving or serving)

Q: Where in your life are you rationalizing sin and running away from God?

Q: Where have you let down your guard in concerning sin. Where have you become comfortable and complacent with sin in your life? Where are you asleep spiritually and what are you going to do about it to change it?