

# Running From Revival

## Part 1: GOD'S CLEAR CALL

**Text:** Jonah 1:1–3

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- The Word of the LORD came clearly to Jonah
- Jonah knew both **God's Word** and **God's character**
- Jonah did not run from judgment—he ran from **revival**

**Notes:**

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### I. RUNNING FROM WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS

- Jonah *rose up to flee* from the presence of the LORD
- Running always leads **downward**
- Knowledge of truth does not equal obedience

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### II. KNOWING GOD'S CHARACTER BUT RESISTING HIS WORK

- Jonah knew God was merciful and forgiving
- He feared that God would show mercy to Nineveh
- Revival threatened Jonah's preferences

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### III. GOD'S DESIRE: ABUNDANT LIFE

- Christ came to give life **more abundantly**
- Wickedness is not only rebellion—it is **misplaced priorities**
- Our will often comes before God's will

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### IV. WHY WE RUN FROM REVIVAL

- We prefer:
  - Comfort
  - Status quo
  - Homeostasis
  - Apathy
- Revival requires change and surrender

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### V. PRESUMING ON GOD'S LONG-SUFFERING

- God's patience is not permission
- God's mercy is not approval
- Presumption reveals shallow obedience

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## VI. THE COST OF REVIVAL

- Revival costs us:
  - Control
  - Comfort
  - Self-will
- Jonah ran because revival would cost him **himself**

**Notes:**

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## CONCLUSION — STOP RUNNING

- The issue is not whether God forgives
- The issue is whether we will repent
- Revival is always available—but it always costs us ourselves

**Final Reflection / Prayer Notes:**

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