

Running From Revival

Part 1: GOD'S CLEAR CALL

Text: Jonah 1:1–3

Pastor: Larry Hof

-
- 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:

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

Notes:

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

Notes:

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

Notes:

IV. WHY WE RUN FROM REVIVAL

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

Notes:

V. PRESUMING ON GOD'S LONG-SUFFERING

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

Notes:

VI. THE COST OF REVIVAL

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

Notes:

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:
