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Worship Service  
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## JONAH: What's Eating Jonah?

Lesson One • Jonah 1

### Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide!

#### What's Eating Jonah?

A heart problem in relation to God's **COMPASSION** for the lost!

#### The Missionary Problem Is Always a **HEART** Problem!

Is my heart *running* from the Great Commission?

#### Running Like Jonah from the Great Commission

### 1. We Often Run from **OBEYING** the Great Commission.

- We run from **RESPONSIBILITY** to represent God. (1:3, 10)
  1. God commissioned Jonah to **GO** reach Nineveh. (vv. 1-2)
  2. God has commissioned **EVERY** believer to go reach the unreached.  
*Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8*

- We run from **ACCOUNTABILITY** to fulfill His commission! (1:3-12; 3:2)

#### What Happens When We Run?

1. We run in the **OPPOSITE** direction of obedience.
2. We run **DOWN** into greater disobedience.
3. We run in **REBELLION** against God.

*What has God called you to **do** to reach this world for Christ? What has He commissioned you to **become** to solve the missionary problem?*

### 2. We Run Because We **LACK** Great Compassion.

#### Why Do We Lack Great Compassion?

- We love **OURSELVES** more than we love God and the lost.  
*John 3:16; Matthew 22:37-40*
- We **FEAR** people more than we fear God. (1:5, 9-10, 16)
- We **LOVE** people less than God loves them! (4:2-3)

### 3. We Run but There's No Place to **HIDE** from Our Great God.

- We can't hide from the **COMPASSION** of the LORD. (1:4-5)  
*Psalms 139:7-12*
- We can't hide from the **CRIES** of the lost. (1:6-11)
- We can't hide from the **CONSEQUENCES** of running. (1:12-17)

*When we try to run from our commission to reach the world,  
we will only run into the discipline of our sovereign and compassionate God!*

*We will reap what we sow: God's **DISCIPLINE**!*

*The lost are left to reap what they sow: God's **WRATH**!*

*"Salvation belongs to the LORD!"*

*Jonah 1:17; 2:9; Matthew 12:39-40*

#### Is Your Heart in *Nineveh* or *Tarshish*?

*Is it where God has commissioned you to show compassion?  
Or are you running in disobedience?*

**Stop Running! Ask the LORD to Turn Your Heart Back to Him  
and His Great Commission with Great Compassion!**