

Old Testament Survey

Jonah



When you just don't want to

Main Point

Running from God is like running on a track, you can cover a lot of distance but you'll never get anywhere.



**The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:
“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against
it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”**

Jonah 1: 1-2 NIV



God Said “Go”

- ❑ Go to Nineveh - not a Godly place
- ❑ Could be an honor for Jonah to go
- ❑ God wants Jonah to deliver a message



THIS GEOMETRIC DRAWING CAN BE MADE BY DRAWING A FOUR-INCH CIRCLE. DRAW THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DIAMETER AB AND CD. MARK THE POINT OF INTERSECTION E. BISECT EB AND MARK THE POINT OF INTERSECTION F. WITH F AS A CENTER, AND CF AS A RADIUS, DESCRIBE AN ARC CUTTING AE. MARK THE POINT OF INTERSECTION G. WITH GC AS A RADIUS AND C AS A CENTER, DESCRIBE TWO ARCS CUTTING THE CIRCUMFERENCE AT H AND J. WITH H AND J AS CENTERS AND THE SAME RADIUS, DESCRIBE ARCS CUTTING THE CIRCUMFERENCE AT K AND L. FORM A STAR BY CONNECTING C AND L, C AND K, H AND K, L AND J, AND H AND J.

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When God Says “Go”

- ❑ How we hear from God
 - ❑ Being close to God
 - ❑ Having an awareness for God
- ❑ God will TELL you to do something



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. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Jonah 1: 3 NIV



Jonah Goes.....The Other Way

- ❑ Running from the Lord's presence
- ❑ Unwillingness to serve God
- ❑ He runs and tries to hide



HIDE N SEEK



Are You Playing Hide N Seek With God?

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” (Hebrews 4:13)

- Blatantly**
- Sidestepping**
- Back of the line**



Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. 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.

Jonah 1: 4-5 NIV



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.” 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.

Jonah 1: 6-7 NIV



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?” He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Jonah 1: 8-9 NIV



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.) 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?”

Jonah 1: 10-11 NIV



“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.” Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before.

Jonah 1: 12-13 NIV



Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased.” Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

Jonah 1: 14-16 NIV



You Can't Run From God

- ❑ A storm rocks the boat
- ❑ Jonah is to blame
- ❑ The storm calm once Jonah is overboard
- ❑ God gave Jonah a wake up call





HEY!!!

God Gives A Wake Up Call

- ❑ Variety of ways
- ❑ Near misses
- ❑ Things don't go as planned
- ❑ An empty feeling



Wrap Up

- ❑ Talk to God about what He tells you to do
- ❑ We can't ignore God
- ❑ We can't run and hide from God
- ❑ Trust God and He'll help you get somewhere with what He's telling you



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Transcript

I have a hard time, so in general I'm a book guy. Mostly he's like I get the the picture of the book in my head. Then if I see. The movie and it doesn't match up with the characters don't fit like I like John Grisham books, and I've seen it's a time to kill one of the old ones and they the main characters name is Jake Brigance. And I had this picture of my head and it's old, but it was a while before I saw the movie. And it's Matthew McConaughey plays him in the movie and I love Matthew McConaughey. Like dudes gonna narrate the story of my life if they ever make a documentary for me, which they. Morgan Freeman is a close second, followed by Jim *****, but that's a we did that as a discussion question once. I love Matthew McConaughey, but he didn't fit the character so, so thrown off the whole time because we get this picture in our mind of what the movie should look like. So I thought some more then about OK Bible stories being turned into film or TV adaptations. And there's way more out there than I thought. As I look this up, the popular ones right now the chosen is out there as a TV series. I know some of you watched that passion of the Christ from 2004 was big. The Prince of Egypt. Good call, Sam. 10 Commandments from 1956 in Charlton Heston. All of these. So then I thought about. OK, we're going to start Jonah this week. And if Jonah was turned into a film or movie adaptation, everybody knows Jonah. If they know the story about the giant fish right, I can see the promo poster or the movie or the. The commercial will be something with the big fish or the big whale. That's next week. We're not going to do it this. But like that would be the big promo, right? Because it looks good and it's fun. But the book and the story of Jonah, the four chapters are about so much more than that. It's about God's judgment, God's sovereignty and the fact that in this story, the story doesn't happen the way it does. If Jonah doesn't say no. Jonah doesn't want to do what God tells him to do. We've titled this series, Jonah, when you just don't want to, because for being honest, we all have times we just don't want to do what we're supposed to. Do or want to do what God wants us to do? So over the next four weeks, there's 4 chapters in Jonah. We'll kind of look at a chapter each week and see what happens as a result. Of Jonah not wanting to do it, God once and today. OK, he tries to run from God, right? You don't want to do something. God wants. You do think about running like Jonah. Want you to think about it like this. Running from God is like running on a track. You can cover a lot of distance, but you're not going to get anywhere. Cover a lot of distance. I can run 3 miles on a track, but I'm going to start and stop at the same place. That's what it's like running. From God, you don't get anywhere. So Jonah is going to run, he's going to try to go a great distance, but God is going to be there. So we're going to look at the story, see how it plays out, and then what that looks like for. So let's start. We'll be in Jonah chapter one. It is bookmarked in the Bibles on your table. It will also be right up here behind me. As always, we are going to start with Jonah. One just versus one through 2. To start us. So let's read this Jonah one versus one to two. It says the word of the Lord came to Jonah, son of Amitai. Go to the great city of Ninevah and preach against it because its wickedness has come up before me. We're gonna stop, right? So what happens here? We'll just talk through what's going on. The word of the Lord comes to Jonah. This is common for profits. It just basically said the word of God was. Put on him. We don't know a lot about Jonah going into this. He's referenced one time in Second Kings 14, but otherwise he's just kind of, I

guess, just your run-of-the-mill prophet. He doesn't. Super famous guy, but God still gives him this word. He says go to Nineveh. Nine of us, not a godly place. There's violence, there's anger, there's sinful acts. This is. Not a good place. This would be an affront to God, not a great place. Also, Ninevah was part of the Assyrian Empire, right? So there are kind of two empires we're looking at this time, Babylon, which we talked about with Daniel and Assyria. Nineveh at one point. Is kind of the capital area of Assyria now. The hearers of this story at this time from Jonah would have probably had some memories about maybe Ninevah or Assyria being we had family members or relatives that were hurt, captured, killed, anything by 9 on a series. So this might have drawn up some. Maybe some trepidation from Jonah, so maybe. He's a little. That's one thing we could think, but we don't know. But the other side is that we kind of could see this as an honor for Jonah. He actually gets to go so often. Prophets were given the word and then they just kind of proclaimed it and spoke it against other nations from wherever they were. The safety of their godly place. But Jonas actually told you, go. You're going. You get. To go here. You know, this is an honor. He should get it. He needs to get up, not delay. Go preach against their wickedness. God wants them to know the people of Nineveh. I see this. This is not OK. You need to repent. Your wickedness is not OK. So Jonah needs to go and deliver the message. How do we know this? Because God gave him instructions that he heard. There's a difference between difficult instructions and clear instructions. We're going to do a little exercise on this. There is paper and pens on your table. Grab one of those real quick. You're gonna we're. Gonna do some drawing practice today. So what we're going? To do and you don't get a lot of time with us, that's the point. Sam is going to put something up on the screen and I'm going to read it and it is instructions as to how to make something.

OK.

And we're going to see if you can do it. So Sam, go. Ahead and throw up this slide. OK, here we go. This geometric drawing can be made by drawing a 4 inch circle. Give you a second. Draw the horizontal and vertical diameter AB and CD. Mark the point of intersection E. Bisect EB and Mark the point of intersection F with F as the center and CF as the radius. Describe an arc cutting a E. Mark the point of intersection G with GC as a radius and C as a center. Describe 2 arcs cutting the circumference at H&G. With H&J as the centers of the same radius, describe arcs cutting the circumference. At K&L. Anybody have you got anything yet?

Turned into this space.

Ryan's got a :) anybody? I like some of the faces I saw. OK, we'll try different. Let's try this. Again, Sam put up the next slide. All right, here's what you do, Mark a point at all of those letters on your piece of paper. Just put a point ABCDE, just like I've done. OK, I'll give. You a second. OK. Watching some faces, this is fun. I gotta imagine this. What my wife feels like as a teacher when she's teaching something that people. Are understanding you're.

Enjoying it too much.

I'm having way too much fun. Up here, connect. OK, now. Here we go. Connect lines A&B on my jobs and this connect A to B. Now connect B to C. Connect C to D. Connect D to E and connect E to a. Now, what do we have? A star. Guess what? They were both supposed to. Get you you did not get a :) again, Ryan. I know that. You're supposed to get a start with either one right start with both of these was supposed to work right, but the point is. The first one was very difficult, was tough to understand. It was hard to hear. So we want clear cut instructions. We want to understand what's going on. That's what the

second one was. God's instructions are more like the second one, he said. Go, he told him where to go and what he's supposed to do. So what do we do when God says go, as we're gonna talk the first time, what do we do when God says go the first part I think is we have to understand how we hear from God. Now we have to hear from him and this is not when we've been asking for an answer to something, not when we've been seeking something. That's not what John is doing. This word of God just comes to Jonah. This is like it just being. Put on him. The word came. So how do we hear? I think First off, we hear best when we're close to God in relationship with them. So think about it. When you spend a lot of time with a friend, how much easier it is to hear what they're saying to you to understand, right? We spend a lot of time, Eugene Ryan and I text all the time throughout the week about different stuff, so it's easier to hear from each other if you're not spending time with them. It's more difficult. Same thing with God spending time in prayer and reading the Bible is a way to be close to God. It helps us recognize when. It's God in John chapter 10. Jesus talks a lot about sheep and shepherd and he says my sheep when he's the shepherd will recognize my voice. That's what we want. We want to recognize the voice of. So we understand how we hear from him. 2nd we need to have an awareness for God. Just be aware because he's not always super obvious, right? We have these prophets who says the word just comes to them and they just know it. If we look at other places in the Old Testament with like with Moses got lights up, Bush on fire, the burning Bush to speak to him, there are times where I would like it if it was that obvious, if God would light a tree on fire outside my house to speak to me. He doesn't do it. So we have to kind of be more aware and figure out, OK, could this be God? And we're not told exactly how it's going to come, right? So how it happened for me one time I can just share my own experience is the best way I can do this is I was thinking very clearly and One Direction this is what I'm going to do and I kept getting pulled somewhere else so I was not long out of college. And I was thinking, OK, I'm gonna go get my masters. And I had a buddy who lived in Michigan. He was doing his masters at Michigan State. He found info on a program I could do over there that would interested me, a public policy one. He's like I need a roommate. I know the area, so I'm like, dead set. All right, I'm going to focus on here. Take the grad school entrance test. I'm going to go and move over here, but then all I kept thinking about. Are getting pulled to. Was how I was leading worship at this other church was at and all these things I could do. I was like, OK, I'm going to prep to go over here and be like, well, you could do these songs and work on it this way and it just kept happening until. I finally realized. This is what I want to do. But God's pulling me here, right? So it. Was just this pole in a. Direction was my awareness, right? It's like it wouldn't stop. That was God. Is a strong pull. Think about some other ways. If that's not one, you can see, but like a strong passion that just burns within you that you just you get so passionate and fired up about, maybe that's God putting something on you. Or maybe things that are just really bothersome, you're like, man. I have to. Do something about this. It really gets to me. That could be God. Now we have to pray through it. We have to talk with God to be like, is this what it is? But those are some ways that. It could be God. And then remember when it's God telling you to do it, he's not asking us like, hey, you know, if you could, would you just go do this? God tells us God's directive. He's a loving God. He's a. Gracious God, but. He's direct. I want you to do this. So think about how you hear from God and be ready for him to say go. So now what? Happens. Let's find out. What does Jonah do? We're just going to read one verse. Jonah, 13, says this, but Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for the port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from. The Lord. So Jonah goes. She goes the other way. He goes the other way. He heads for Tarshish, the opposite direction of nine of us. And I have a map up here. You can throw up here. All right, so just to kind of give you the look of this over here, if you can see there's a red thing

that's Nineveh, the A in the middle there. That's the port kind of where jappa is, but Gath Heffer is the place that's where Jonah lives. And there's tarshish. Over there as C, so he's supposed to go to B, which is over. There he goes the opposite direction you're looking at basically modern day. You rack that. Way and modern day S, Southwest Spain. So he's supposed to go one way. He goes a complete other direction he is running. From the law. Swords presence, that's what he's trying to. Do he's trying to, in essence, flee and break from community and relationship and just start again. This is a complete unwillingness to serve God. God's got to see this as an outright rebellion. Trying to get as far away from Nineveh as he can, as if that'll make it. Prince, it's possible. Possible that Jonah thinks OK, maybe God's not gonna find me in Tarshish because in Isaiah 66, God talks about how at some point he will send people to Tarshish who don't know him yet or haven't heard of his fame. But as we know, God's everywhere, God can be anywhere. We don't know why Jonah is so opposed to going. That's going to come later Chapter 4, but he doesn't want to do it. He runs, he flees, and in essence, because of the distance he is trying to hide from. Who here has ever played the wonderful game of Hide and seek? Right. Yeah, right. Especially any of us with kids and maybe we've played hide and seek from what I can tell, it actually started years many, many years ago, 2nd century Greece. So it's been around for a long time, but the game is simple. You got one person usually is the seeker. They're covering their eyes to count, and everybody else goes and hides. How many other people you have, right? Kids are usually pretty terrible at this game. Well, it tries to tell me where she's going to hide most of the. But you go on hide and this game can get actually more difficult if you have more people hiding, right? So you gotta find a bunch of people looked it up. Guinness Book of World Records says the largest game ever of hide and seek took place in China. 1437 people played in a single game. And seek. That's got to be difficult. How do you do that? So a couple organizations, I guess, put it together. Don't. Why? Because they wanted. To one person. That's so that's what I that's, you know, I don't know all the the data. On it, but that many people played, it's a lot of people to find. But The thing is, God would find them all at once, just like God is going to find Jonah. God's going to find us. He will always notice. So ask yourself honestly, are you in essence trying to play a game of hide and seek with God? Are you trying? To hope that he doesn't notice, Hebrews 4:13 says nothing. In all, creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him, to whom we must give account. We hide from God. Sometimes we all have this tendency, and I want to highlight three ways that I think it kind of happens. And the first one is blatantly just, this is Jonah. This is the I'm not gonna do it. I'm going to go over here and just do something totally different. This is the kid I don't want. You might not like what guys telling you to do. Maybe it's wrong for you, but in any case, you just don't do it. Think about the kid, you tell them. Go clean up your room. With you. But then they go downstairs to play with their toys instead, thinking mom and dad won't look for me down here. That's this equivalent, just blatantly not doing it. Sam, I know you never did that to your parents when you were younger. OK, so blatantly right. The second one. Call this like a side step approach thinking OK, I don't want to do. Someone else could do it. In fact, they'd be great at it. This is delegation key to leadership delegation, right? I don't do this. Somebody else to. Do it sounds great. You could see the God this person would be so good at this. See them? Not me. You know, I don't want to do this. Hey, Chris would be really good at this guy. He'll be awesome. He should just do it. Not me. Now you're. Not asking them to help you. You're straight up saying you do it. OK, I worked at a coffee shop for a lot of years and we did monthly inventory. Nobody likes inventory, so my boss comes in one morning like hey, it's inventory day. You can do it I. Was like, you know what? Last month, my coworker Lisa, she had a really good system and this thing set up. I think she should probably just do it again, cause it's all in order. She was. Oh, yeah, that's great. I'll have

her do it. I got a real angry text later in the day. My coworker Lisa I sidestepped right. Here's the problem with sidestepping God didn't tell you to ask for help with it. God didn't tell you to have somebody else do. It he told. You to do it, so sometimes we sidestep. Third one, I would call the back of the line approach. This is all right. I hear that I'll get to and I have some time. Right. I'll put my priorities first. I'll do it when it's convenient. So alright. Well, God wants me to do that. But I kind of want to. Do all the other things first. It's the same type of thing because all of. These are different varieties of the same game. We're trying not to do what God told us to do. We're hiding from what God told us, and in essence, we're trying to hide ourselves from him a little bit. So what happens? What happens when we try to do? This let's find out what happens to Jonah first. This is our last section of the day. Longest one. Jonah won fourth through 16. Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea. Such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break. Up all the sailors were afraid, and each cried out to his own God. They threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. Jonah had gone below deck where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him. And how can you sleep? Get up and call to your God? Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will. Cherish, then, the sailor said to each other. Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity. They cast lots and lot fell on Jonah, 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? He answered. I'm a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry. Land this terrified them and they asked, what have you done? They knew he was running from the Lord because he already told them so. 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, pick me up and throw me into the sea, he replied. And it will become calm. I know that it's my fault that this great storm has come upon you instead. The men did their best to roll back to land, but they could not for the sea grew even Wilder. Before then, they cried out to the Lord. Please Lord, do not let us die for taking this. Man's life do not. Hold us accountable for killing an innocent man. For you, Lord have done as you please. Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm at this. The men greatly feared the Lord. They offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him. And there we go. So Jonah gets on the boat. Right. And this storm comes as I was watching TV this week, I saw a commercial for family with the show deadliest catch about these crab fishermen and this nasty sea. And like you'll see sometimes on these previews of the boats going nicely and then the waves and the wind whip up and the boats. It should be like this going like this and this and it's terrifying. That's what I always. Think of with this, with this storm coming and this is not just. Just nature taking its course, it says this is an act of God. It was brought on by God. Here's Jonah getting on the boat, thinking he's going for his runaway time, but he's just running on the track because God is there. So the sailors here, they're afraid of the storm. They start crying out to their own gods. Sailors at this time may have come from different regions, worship different gods, all this, so they're all crying out to whoever. And they start to throw things into the seat, throw things overboard. The belief at this time was if a God or something like that was mad at you, you would try to appease the God. So they may have been throwing things overboard as like a gift back saying take this away. Stop it. We know it doesn't work. Right, it doesn't work. But where's Jonah? John is downstairs taking a nap. Jonah down. He thinks he's all good. He got in the boat. I'm good. I'm running. I'll make it away. Get to tarshish. God won't find me. Then the captain comes and wakes Jonah up and he's like, what are you doing? It is so nasty out there. Call on your God. Pray to him. Now we don't know what Jonah does specifically. Right there. And I guess he doesn't pray because he's avoiding God. Like everything, so he goes up, he's up there with the sailors, and we have to figure out who's responsible or what is going on. So they cast lots, but this would have

been. This is pretty common in the Old Testament. They may have taken some sort of identifying marker from each person, put it in something, and shook it, and then whatever came out. Would have been through that person, so they're trying to get some divine direction. So not surprisingly, it falls to Jonah. We know this. This is on Jonah. So the sailors are like what? Who are you? What's happening? Who are your people? Like what is the deal with you? He's like I'm a Hebrew and I worship the Lord of the sea and the land saying that he worships, which also would mean fear. The Lord of the Sea is a big deal because the sailors know whoever controls the sea is what's going on here. That's who we need to become good with again and to appease. So Jonah basically just says Tammy, throw me into the sea as a sacrifice you can't have me anymore. He knows he's the problem. And the sailors don't want to do it. They try to roll back to shore, maybe thinking that we can just part ways with Jonah. This will all get better. We don't throw them. Into the water. Well, they can't get back to shore. So finally, like, OK, we'll throw you overboard. And they're like, God, don't. Don't hold this against us. You know, they basically feel like they're sending Jonah to his death. They're like, don't hold us responsible for whatever this guy did, but once he goes overboard the storm, it's calm. It's done. And the sailors are amazed and they start to offer vows. And sacrifices to God. They recognize the power. Jonah was called by God. He said no one ran and God showed him. You can't run from him and he gave him this big old wake up call. I think that's what this was. It was a. Wake up, call now. In general, people don't like. Being woken up. Right. Think about it. Actually, when you're asleep. Who likes being woken? Up in terrible ways this happened. Maybe it's music blasts, there's something to wake you up. We had to wake up roommate up in college. We took an ice cold can from the fridge and like, put it on his bare arm as he's asleep to wake him. Up that way. So we needed him to get up, right? My dad would come in when I was a teenager. And just kick the bed in the morning. That's how he would wake me up. Right. So let's like, actually physically waking up. Then there's also wake up calls. We get just about life, right? They kind of put us in our place a little bit, but it's like, whoa, this is happening. We had I had. Of these, with my son in the last couple of weeks, who it was a wake up call that he's 7 going on 17 because I relayed through Stacy, he tells Stacy a couple weeks ago. Recess is just like the most stressful part of my day. Like why? Why is recess stressful? He's like, well, I mean, these guys want me to play Gaga ball. And these girls want me to play. This and my. Friends over here want to play this. I just do popular. It's so stressful. Like, oh, OK, cool. So he's got all his friends and he's realizing the strain of being pulled in 80 directions. This is only going to get worse, but it's like, whoa, he's not just this little kid that just plays with stuff anymore he's got. All these different things going on I'm like. It's like I got this cue into his future, right? God gives us wake up calls when we try to hide from God, he lets us know we can't do it. He always finds us wherever we are, whatever condition we are in, God will find us now. It might be. A metaphorical storm in your life where it feels like the waves are crashing and there's lightning and Thunder and everything is crashing down on you and you feel like you might be drowning. I think more often than not, it's just like being snapped into something like something just clicks, right. If we think about it like Jonah, Jonah's asleep and somebody just wakes him up, I think it's sometimes more like that. And I'll give you a few ways that I think this can happen. You know, near misses is one kind of like a close call. We're in a situation where something bad or something intense could have happened, but it just didn't. And it makes you realize maybe something's up. Maybe something's gotta give. So then in those times, think about what God's been telling you. Are you listening? Or is that near miss? Maybe God waking you? Up to something. The second one is when things. Don't go as planned. Maybe you go One Direction for something. A job, an opportunity, anything like that. And it's supposed to just be awesome and you get going and it just doesn't work. It's terrible. You're unhappy. Nothing goes the way you thought it would. Is God showing

you in those moments that maybe you missed him? Right. Maybe he's waking you up there. And then the third one kind of just an emptiness feeling, same thing as before. Think about it, you're going in One Direction. You think it's going to be awesome again, job, opportunity, whatever. It is awesome. It is going the best it could go. You're thriving, you're crushing it. Everybody thinks you're awesome. It shouldn't be any better than this. But yet you feel off. You feel empty. Not quite satisfied. There's that little hidden inside you that feels empty. Is this God saying? Yeah, this is great, but you're missing something. You're missing me. Where I've told you to go. God gives us wake up calls in His own way. And he does it when we try to do something other than what he's told us. To do. So when God tells us to do something. What do we do? We don't want to do it, but we know we shouldn't run it. We'll come back next week. That's what we're gonna hit. We're gonna find. Out what Jonah does, but what I. Want us to think about? For this week, as we wrap it up, so we can't ignore what God is telling us, whether we like it or love it, or we're somewhere in the middle, we can't ignore what God's telling us. We can't run and hide because God's everywhere, and we won't actually get anywhere. So what we do is we. Have to just trust God. God will help us through it, and then it won't be like running on a track. God will actually help us get somewhere with what he's told us to do. Let's pray. Got to thank you for today. Again, I've got to thank you for this first chapter of Jonah that we can God, even though Jonah didn't. Listen, God that we can see the lessons you're teaching through that that we can see and be reminded that you're everywhere and God, that what you tell us to do is important. It's important to you. Which would. Make it important to us. So I pray that. When you put something on our hearts, God, that even if we're unsure, we're nervous, we're scared. We straight up don't want to do it, that we would talk to you about it. God, we. Would have some. Trust in you and that we would resist the temptation to try to hide or to try to run from it, or to try to pass it off, but God, that. Instead, we would trust you. And come to you about it. So again, God, I thank you for these words and for this morning. Your name.