

Don't Run From Your Calling!

Run With Purpose, Pt. 2

Jonah 1:1-3

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Jonah 1:1, The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: **2** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness 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. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

1 Corinthians 9:20, To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

Steps to Run to Your Calling:

1. Listen to God's VOICE

Jonah 1:1, The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:

Joel 1:1, The word of the LORD that came to Joel son of Pethuel.

2 Samuel 7:3, Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.” **4** But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: **5** “Go and tell my servant

David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’

2 Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. Be Willing to Go to Hard Places and Say the HARD THINGS

Jonah 1:2, “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Nahum 3:1, Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims! **2** The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots! **3** Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses— **4** all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.

Jonah 4:2, He prayed to the LORD, “Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

3. Don't Run From GOD

Jonah 1:3, *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. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

Genesis 3:8, *Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

Ephesians 3:8, *Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ ... **10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*