

Jonah's Resistance
Jonah 1

Jonah 1:1-3 NIV

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." 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.

DIVINE COMMUNICATION

The word of the LORD came to Jonah

Sensitive to the Leadership & Direction of God God's Messenger

Perceptive Prophet

God Still Speaks

"Speak, for your servant is listening."

"Here am I, send me."



CONFLICTING ALLEGIANCES

Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it

He was an Israelite - This was His Identity
Prejudiced Patriot

Allegiance in Conflict with God's Plan

Who are Your Ninevites?

To Go to Nineveh, You Must Truly
Trust God's Goodness



CALLING AVOIDANCE

But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

There Will Always Be a Ship Waiting for You At the Port of Disobedience

Protesting Prodigal

Imagine All that We're Wasting While We're Avoiding God's Plan



GOD'S MERCIFUL MISSION

Redemption is Possible for Anyone Who Seeks it

Jesus Pursues Us With His Mercy
The Storms are not Retribution
They're Designed for Restoration

Embrace the Mission

Not Resistance but Surrender

