

**Sermon Title: "I WON'T GO!" Disobedience—Running from God**

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Central Idea: The will of God is not an option; it is an obligation and an opportunity. Are you sincerely seeking and obeying God's will?

Introduction:

The main character in this book is neither the prophet nor the great fish, but God, who is mentioned thirty-eight times. The book deals with this important question, "How do you respond to the word and will of God?"

Nineveh was northeast for Jonah; Tarshish was west. When God called Jonah to preach repentance to the wicked Ninevites, the prophet knew God's mercy might follow. He turned down the assignment and headed for Tarshish instead.

### I. Jonah Disobeys God, vv. 1-3.

1. The reason for his flight, vv. 1-2
2. The route of his flight, v. 3.

### II. Jonah Becomes a Curse, vv. 4-10.

1. He lost the voice of God, v. 4.
2. He lost his spiritual energy, v. 5b.
3. He lost his power in prayer, vv. 5a-6.
4. He lost his testimony, vv. 7-10.

### III. Jonah Suffers for His Sins, vv. 11-17.

Conclusion:

A believer out of fellowship with God can cause a great deal of trouble. God loves us too much to let us run away; therefore, He disciplines us (Hebrews 12:1-11), and He keeps working on us until we submit to Him.