

March 10, 2019

# THE PATH TO Change

RUNNING WITH GOD

**JONAH 1:1-2 (NASB)**

**WARNING LABEL FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST:**

WARNING: CAN CAUSE LIFE CHANGE!

**QUESTION:** HOW DOES GOD ENGAGE A LIFE FOR CHANGE?

## **I. GOD CALLS (Jonah 1:1-2a).**

**TRUTH:** Life change begins by God calling us to do something. God makes His will known; He begins leading us a different way (Genesis 12:1ff).

**INSIGHT:** Your life will not change till you obey God's call to go in a new life direction, a call to a path you haven't been choosing.

## **II. GOD CALLS YOU TO FOLLOW HIM.**

#1: His sovereign will, Isaiah 45:5

**TRUTH:** Nothing happens that God doesn't want to happen, and what He wants to happen will.

#2: God's permissive will

**TRUTH:** The permissive will of God isn't His approval of what we do but the establishment of a moral test.

**QUESTION:** Do the actions of your life on the whole prove the truth of what you say with your mouth?

**TRUTH:** God has in His permissive will let us all know what He wants from us.

**EXAMPLE:** 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

**TRUTH:** You are called to purity in your sex life.

**INSIGHT:** The men and women we become is shaped by the decisions we make in moral purity every day.

**TRUTH:** The choice to sin or obey is a relationship test (Genesis 2:17).

**TRUTH:** Adam and Eve chose, and hell broke loose, and physical and spiritual death entered the world!

### III. YOUR NINEVEH AND MINE

**TRUTH:** The majority of God's permissive will is moral in nature.

**INSIGHT:** God's moral will is found in Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NLT).

**DEFINITION OF INSPIRED:** God-breathed

**TRUTH:** The Bible is not a human book! Jeremiah 1:9; 2 Peter 1:20 NLT

**INSIGHT:** 99% of God's will for my life and yours is moral.

**TRUTH:** God's made His moral will for your life clear; if you want a better life, it starts with God's moral call on your life.

### IV. THE ANSWER, Jonah 1:3 Msg

**INSIGHT:** Jonah ran away from God's call primarily because he just didn't want to do it.

**INSIGHT:** If you're not running with God, then you're running away from God, and you shouldn't expect God's power to live a better, happier life.

### V. THE STORM

**TRUTH:** Life wasn't designed to flourish outside God's will (Jonah 1:4).

**INVITATION:** Answer this question as we go back to living out our days: Are God's ways best?  
Yes No