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Why Did Jonah Run

¹ The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.” ³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.

Jonah 1:1-3 (NLT2)

¹⁰ When God saw what they [the people of Nineveh] had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. ^{4:1} This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. ² So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. **Jonah 3:10 - 4:2 (NLT2)**

1. Because he viewed the people of Nineveh...

- As _____ .
- As undeserving of God’s _____ , _____ & _____ .

2. Because of His world view

- It was better to run from _____ than love others.

³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. **Jonah 1:3a (NLT2)**

- It was better to _____ than love others.

³ Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.” **Jonah 4:3 (NLT2)**

Jesus Invites Us to a Radically Different World View

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT2)

- Loving those who have been devalued and are in danger
 - International Childcare Ministries (ICCM)
 - S.E.E.D. Livelihood
 - Set Free Movement
 - Impact Middle East

My Next Step Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on Matthew 22:37-39
- Repent of a worldview which doesn’t love my neighbor.
- Join God’s mission to end human trafficking by praying for, talking about, and giving to groups that are making a difference.
- Surrender or recommit my life to Jesus so that I can love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, strength and mind.