

Consequences of Running from God  
First Wednesday  
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Jonah 1:3 GW

- Theme: God gives everyone of us a unique MISSION - and He gives us a CHOICE as to whether or not we fulfill that mission.
  - ✓ Jonah's mission: to warn Nineveh that judgement was coming.  
- Jonah 1:1-2
- The consequences of running
  - 1) God sent OPPOSITION - Jonah 1:4a
    - ✓ Learning from opposition creates better DECISIONS.
  - 2) Others get HURT TOO - Jonah 1:4b-5a
    - ✓ Even those you CARE ABOUT
  - 3) Life starts a DOWNWARD trajectory - Jonah 1:5b-6
    - ✓ Financial, physical, and relational COST
  - 4) The distance from God GROWS - Jonah 1:3
    - ✓ Nineveh 500 miles: Tarshish 2500 miles
  - 5) We lose rational THINKING - Jonah 1:7-10
    - ✓ The heathen knew BETTER - Psalm 139:7-8
- Why does God give us a VOLUNTARY choice?
  - If it's not a choice, it's not LOVE!

Conclusion - Stop running from God, He has your BEST INTEREST at heart.