

THE RUNAWAY

*The 2nd Chance: What To Do When Your Life Goes Under- Part 1
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Jonah 1:1-3*

How Do We Know Jonah Is Real?

a. Jonah is a real person

*“He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of Arabah in accordance with the Word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through the servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet...”
II Kings 14:25 (NIV)*

b. Jesus says so!

*“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
Matthew 12:40 (NIV)*

1. GOD’S DIRECTION FOR JONAH

“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh! Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.” vs. 2 (NLT)

The Key To Obedience? Trust

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)

2. JONAH’S DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD.

■ He was deliberate

“But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish...” vs. 3 (NIV)

■ He was deceived

“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” Hebrews 11:25 (KJV)

■ He was doomed

*“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”
Galatians 6:7 (NIV)*

■ He was disciplined

“Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.” vs. 4 (NIV)

HOW DO I COME HOME? REPENT (change your mind)

"Come now, let us argue this out," says the LORD. "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool." Isaiah 1:18 (NLT).

THREE ESSENTIAL HABITS FOR GROWTH IN 2010

1. A DAILY TIME WITH GOD

"Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit..." I Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

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2. A WEEKLY TEAM FOR GOD

"Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)

3. A REGULAR TITHE TO GOD

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 (NIV)