

Walk-in: Usually life has us on the run. Things to attend to, appointments to keep, obligations to meet, sights to see... the list seems endless. Sometimes we'd like to stop the world and get off for a while. We are all on a journey in life and God is inviting us to allow Him to direct that journey. But we don't always get it right on the journey. Jonah, the Old Testament minor prophet, is a man who didn't always get it right either. But we can learn from his story when we observe how he runs on the journey. First we are going to observe him running FROM God. In his life we see the pitfalls of running in **DISOBEDIENCE**.

1. First, we see the CHARACTER of DISOBEDIENCE. (vs. 1 - 3)

- Disobedience tries to **IGNORE** the claims of God (vs.1)

It's implications are for the **PRE-CHRISTIAN** and for the **BELIEVER**.

*"Jonah had the honor to proclaim the truth of God, but his disobedience **NEUTRALIZED** his effectiveness."*

- Disobedience **IGNORES** the **NEED** of men. (vs.2b)
- Disobedience **INSISTS** on its own way (vs.3)

- Jonah thought he had a better **WAY**, **PLACE**, and **PRICE**.

2. Then, we see the CONSEQUENCES of Disobedience (vs. 4 - 16)

- There is the consequent impact on **OTHERS**.
"I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you." (vs.12)
- it **ENDANGERS** lives & loses **OPPORTUNITY**.
- There is consequent impact on **YOU**.
You may experience a **STORM**.
You will come under the **SEARCHING** hand of God.
You will face the risk of a **LOST** or **WASTED** life.
- There is the consequent impact on **GOD**.

He still will accomplish His glory. (16)

Wrap-up: How are you running these days? Are you running *from* His claim and call on your life? Is He working **THROUGH** you or in **SPITE** of you? Take a step back to look where you are running and see if there are new advances that can be made for you in the journey in the right direction.