

BELIEVING AND HOW WE BEHAVE

1. The life God's planned for us is very good for us & others Gen. 1:31
2. The enemy to that plan is the devil who uses lies to get us to believe what is not true about God and His plan Jonah 2:8
3. What we believe is seen by how we behave. Jonah's lying vanities:
 - That you can run from the call of God & hide from the presence of God.
 - That he would be better off fighting God's will for his life.
 - That he knew better than God what was good for him.
 - That he could live independent of God and he could better his own lot in life.
 - That he could escape responsible obedience by drowning himself
 - That the Word of God did not apply to his case as though he had special immunity from obedience, a special dispensation, and that he was the exception to the law of sowing and reaping.

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4. Jonah's call was to a specific people in a specific place.
 - The assignment was about the people attached to his obedience
5. To fight against God and the Truth is to fight against our own good
 - To run from God is to run from our own good and the good of others
6. Storms can come due to disobedience.
 - His life went in a downward spiral
7. When we disobey and run, others often get hurt.
 - Our disobedience affects us and others
8. God doesn't give up on us or change His calling
9. When we obey, God can speak to our season & cause it to come to an end.

Joppa to Tarshish 2500 miles

Joppa to Nineveh 550 miles