

Jonah 1:1-3
Sermon Notes
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Question 1:
What's your Nineveh?

Remember:
You will not always agree with God

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Adam and Eve, like Jonah many years later, decided that if they couldn't think of a good reason for a command of God, there couldn't be one.

Did it make sense for:

1. Noah to build an ark
2. Abraham to leave his home not knowing where he was headed
3. Moses to lead his people out of Egypt
4. David to fight Goliath
5. Jonah to go to Nineveh
6. Mary to have virgin birth

Remember:
Your Nineveh will involve self-denial not immediate gratification

Jeremiah 23:16-17 NLT

16 This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says to his people: "Do not listen to these prophets when they prophesy to you, filling you with futile hopes. They are making up everything they say. They do not speak for the Lord! 17 They keep saying to those who despise my word, 'Don't worry! The Lord says you will have peace!' And to those who stubbornly follow their own desires, they say, 'No harm will come your way!'

Matthew 16:24-26 NLT

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

"When Christ calls a man he calls, he calls him come and die."
Deitrich Bonhoeffer

Question 2:
What is your Tarshish?

Remember:

Your Tarshish may be other people

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT

26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

Remember:

Your Tarshish may be your own wisdom

Jonah 4:2 ESV

2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

"Sin always begins with the character assassination of God. We believe that God has put us in a world of delights but has determined that he will not give them to us if we obey him."

Tim Keller

Proverbs 11:2 NLT

2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 9:10 NLT

10 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.