

## God's Response to the Runner

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<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8-9 (NIV)

### GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE RUNNER:

#### 1. GOD IS IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS.

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time.

Jonah 3:1 (NIV)

a.) To \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with us.

<sup>6</sup> But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.

Jonah 2:6 (NIV)

b.) To use you to \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

<sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah 3:2 (NIV)

#### 2. GOD'S PURPOSES ARE NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

Jonah 3:4 (NIV)

a.) Rebellion makes \_\_\_\_\_ impossible.

<sup>1</sup> Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you...

Isaiah 59:1-2 (NIV)

b.) Rebellion demands \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

Jonah 1:2 (NIV)

#### 3. GOD WANTS TO \_\_\_\_\_ WITH HIS \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 3:5 (NIV)

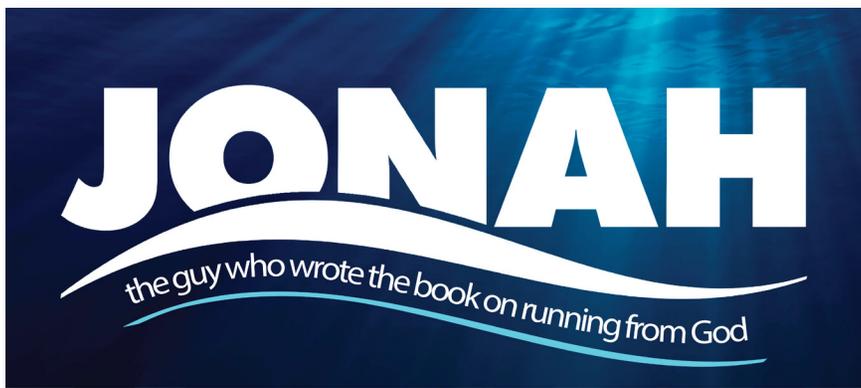
<sup>8</sup> "...Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

Jonah 3:8b-9 (NIV)

#### 4. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 3:10 (NIV)



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I John 1:8-9 (NIV)

### GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE RUNNER:

#### 1. GOD IS IN THE SECOND-CHANCE BUSINESS.

*1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time.*

Jonah 3:1 (NIV)

##### a.) To REPAIR relationship with us.

*6 But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.*

Jonah 2:6 (NIV)

##### b.) To use you to REACH OUT to others.

*6 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."*

Jonah 3:2 (NIV)

#### 2. GOD'S PURPOSES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.

*3 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."*

Jonah 3:4 (NIV)

##### a.) Rebellion makes RELATIONSHIP impossible.

*1 Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you...*

Isaiah 59:1-2 (NIV)

##### b.) Rebellion demands JUDGMENT or REPENTANCE.

*2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

Jonah 1:2 (NIV)

#### 3. GOD WANTS TO TOUCH YOU WITH HIS LOVE.

*4 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.*

Jonah 3:5 (NIV)

*8 "...Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."*

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#### 4. GOD IS COMPASSIONATE WHEN WE REPENT.

*10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.*

Jonah 3:10 (NIV)