

I AM WILLING, LORD



Jonah 1:1-17

Be willing to say **YES** to Jesus whenever He calls or asks you to do something, even when it is inconvenient, awkward, difficult and perplexing.



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The Book of Jonah is about **God**

It is about **God's**
boundless love,
fathomless mercy,
matchless grace, and
limitless goodness



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Simple outline:

1. God's Clarion Call (vs.1-2)
2. Jonah's Rebellious Response (v.3)
3. God's Merciful Response (vs.4-17)
4. Jonah's Realisation



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I. God's Clarion Call – vs.1-2

1. A specific **edict** - *The word*
2. A specific **Master** - *of the Lord*
3. A specific **person** - *came to Jonah*
4. A specific **commission/action** - *Arise and Go*
5. A specific **place** - *Nineveh*



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I. God's Clarion Call – vs.1-2

6. A specific **people** - *Ninevites and Assyrians*

7. A specific **command/instruction** - *Cry against it*

8. A specific **reason** - *their wickedness has come up before Me*

9. A specific **purpose** – *to save the heathen*



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II. Jonah's Rebellious Response – v.3

1. He ran away from the Lord

- Ignored God's call
- Refused to obey
- Rejected the assignment
- Rebelled against the Lord.



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II. Jonah's Rebellious Response – v.3

2. He went down to Joppa

- Chose to disrespect, dishonor and disregard God and treat His call and assignment with contempt



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II. Jonah's Rebellious Response – v.3

3. He headed for Tarshish

- Insisted on having his way and will, and not God's way and will
- Went **west** instead of **east** deliberately



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Why?

He was upset with God

He hated the enemies, the Ninevites

He does not care nor have mercy,
compassion nor pity for the lost as a
prophet and servant of the
Most High God



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Note:

Obedience brings **Blessings**

Disobedience brings **Sufferings**

Rebellion invites **God's Wrath**



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III. God's Merciful Response - vs.4-17

God will:

1. Send a strong wind and a ferocious storm - v.4
2. Trouble your companions - v.5
3. Show you there are no atheists in times of danger and death - v.5
4. Give you no rest/sleep - v.6



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III. God's Merciful Response - vs.4-17

God will:

5. Send someone to remind you of your lack of love, concern and responsibility - v.6
6. Expose your identity, heart, and rebellion - vs.7-9



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III. God's Merciful Response - vs.4-17

God will:

7. Show you the right thing to do to correct your foolishness and to spare the others of further damage and impending death - vs.10-14



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III. God's Merciful Response - vs.4-17

God will:

8. Convert and save the pagans because of your sacrifice - vs.15-16
9. Let you go through a prison experience – v.17



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Because He loves you, God will do whatever is necessary to

- get your attention
- bring you to your knees
- give you a second chance to return, cooperate and respond to His will and calling
- help you come to your senses
- get you into a place of absolute surrender and submission



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IV. Jonah's Realisation

1. He can't run from God forever
2. He can't hide from God
3. He can't escape from God's call/mission/assignment
4. He can't get God to change His mind/will



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IV. Jonah's Realisation

5. His rebellion will affect those around him negatively
6. His disobedience will lead to a downward path of dangers, disasters, and disappointments



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V. Our Response

Repent – of sin/rebellion/disobedience and get in line with God's plan for your life

Return - run to God and not run away from Him

Recommit – submit/surrender/yield to His Will, Lordship, Sovereignty and Control

Receive – His forgiveness, restoration, recommission, new assignment

Remind – ourselves that it is a joy and privilege it is to serve the Living God and fulfil His purposes



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“Living a life that matters (especially to God) doesn’t happen by accident. It is not matter of circumstances but of **choice.**” (by Anonymous)

Today, may your choice be “I am willing, Lord.”



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