

**JONAH: HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WILL**  
**Sermon Title: Here I Am—Send Someone Else**  
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Text: **Jonah 1:1-12**

Subject: God's **Call**

Notes:

- There are times in my life that I **Struggle** with what God is telling me to do.
- Jonah is about the **Will** of God and how we **Respond** to it.
- Jonah is about the **Love** of God and how we choose to **Share** it.
- **Obedience** is the key that unlocks the door to God's blessing; Disobedience is the key that unlocks the door of God's discipline/judgment.
- Helpful Breakdown:
  - God **Speaks**—1:1
  - God's **Invitation**—1:2
  - Jonah **Departs**—1:3
  - God **Works**—1:4-13
  - Sailors **Pray**—1:14
  - God **Works**—1:15-17
  - Jonah **Prays**—2:1-9
- **3 Experiences** in Jonah's life: **Rebellion** (1:1-17); **Repentance** (2:1-9); and **Redemption** (2:10) (Outline by Warren Weirsbe)
- **Two Actions**: God's Call; Jonah's Response

**1. GOD'S CALL—1:1-2**

- a. Jonah's Call Was A **Divine** Call
  - i. The Man of God has been given by the Sovereign Lord the **Highest** calling in God's economy.
  - ii. It is not a **Vocation** to be chosen among several options.
  - iii. It is a divine, supernatural "calling" from the **Lord** Himself.
  - iv. Jonah's call was a "**Received**" ministry.
- b. Jonah's Call Was A **Definite** Call
  - i. It's **Powerful**
  - ii. It's **Personal**
  - iii. It's **Purposeful**

**2. JONAH'S RESPONSE—1:3-12**

- a. Jonah **Disobeys** God's Call
- b. Jonah **Departs** From God's Presence
- c. Jonah **Descends** In Misery
  - i. Jonah's descent came as a result of wrong **Attitudes**
    - 1. Toward the **Word** of God
    - 2. Toward the **Will** of God
    - 3. Toward his **Circumstances**
    - 4. Toward the **Gentiles**
  - ii. Jonah's Descent was **Costly**
    - 1. He lost the **Voice** of God—1:4
    - 2. He lost his **Spiritual** energy—1:5
    - 3. He lost his **Prayer**—1:5a, 6
    - 4. He lost his **Testimony**—1:7-10

**CONCLUSION**

Note 4 **Lessons** from Jonah:

- 1. God still **Calls** people to serve Him
- 2. God cares enough about **Sinners** to send a word of hope, love, and grace
- 3. No one can really **Run** from God
- 4. Obedience requires a **God**-centered life