

Jonah - Part 1  
How to Get Direction from God  
Jonah 1:1-3  
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*Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

*Acts 20:24 (ESV) But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

*Jonah 1:1-3 (NIV) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

How to Get Direction from God:

1st) My Direction comes from God’s **WORD**.

*Jonah 1:1 (NIV) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:*

*Job 33:14 (NCV) “God does speak—sometimes one way and sometimes another—even though people may not understand it.”*

2nd) My Direction Requires **ACTION**.

*Jonah 1:2 (NIV) “Go to the great city of Nineveh...*

- It’ll require a step of faith.

*Zech. 4:6b (NIV) ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.*

*Phil. 4:19 (NIV) And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

*Ecc. 4:9 (NIV) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:*

3rd) My Direction is to a **PEOPLE** or a **PERSON**.

*Jonah 1:2 (NIV) “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”*

4 Directional Thoughts:

- A) God has qualified you to be a **PERFECT** solution to someone's problem
- B) It is the responsibility of **OTHERS** to determine your value to them
- C) When you discover your assignment, you will experience a **SENSE** of fulfillment
- D) Your assignment will come with an **ENEMY**

*John 15:18 (NIV) If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.*

4th) My Direction might cause me to **RUN**.

*Jonah 1:3 (NIV) But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

*Psalms 139:7-10 (NIV) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*