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Wrong Way

Where are you going? What are you doing? What do you mean by asking me that? **Are you going where I have guided you? Are you doing all that I have asked of you?** Did you ask me to go somewhere? Did you ask me to do something? **What do you think?** I wasn't sure that I heard you correctly. **Why is that?** Well, I thought I might have heard you asking me to go where I did not want to go. I thought it might be possible that you were asking me to do what I would rather not do. But, I wasn't sure. I certainly felt no peace about what might have been your directions and instructions. **So, you ignored my directions and didn't follow my instructions?** I guess so. **You didn't just ignore my directions and skip my instructions. You went the wrong way and did the exact opposite of what I was asking of you. Did you feel great comfort and peace about going there and doing that?** No, not really, not at all. **This is not good.**

I would like to ask you a few questions. Go ahead, I'm listening. **Will there be times that I ask you to go where you would rather not go? Will there be occasions when I ask you to do what you would rather not do? Will there be times that you will not understand why I am sending you somewhere unfamiliar to do what might be unpleasant and difficult? Will it ever cost you anything to follow and serve me? Must you always feel great comfort and peace before you will go and do my will? Won't there be times that you will be uncomfortable and afraid to go and do all that I ask of you? Will the road ahead always be smooth and easy? Won't you ever experience difficult and painful challenges? Won't there be times that you will need to hold on to me with all your strength as you follow and serve me?** I can't adequately answer all your questions. **No, you cannot.**

Forgive me for not going and doing all that you have asked of me. Forgive me for not listening to your directions and following your instructions. Forgive me for running away from what you have given me to do for you. **You are forgiven. Now, will get up and go and do all that I ask of you?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good. I will be with you to help you to go and do my will.**

Lord, I have been reluctant to get up and go and do all that you have asked of me. Sometimes, I have run the other way to go and do something else. Forgive me. Thank you so much for finding me, bringing me back, and giving me another chance to serve you. Amen

God's Will

Go

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.

NIV

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Get Up And Go*

The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.

NLT

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Go, At Once*

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

NRSV

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will

Go

NOW THE word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me. But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from being in the presence of the Lord [as His prophet] and went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish [the most remote of the Phoenician trading places then known]. So he paid the appointed fare and went down into the ship to go with them to Tarshish from being in the presence of the Lord [as His servant and minister].

AMP

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Arise, Go*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

NASB

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Arise, Go*

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

ESV

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Arise, Go*

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

NKJV

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will *Up On Your Feet And On Your Way*

One day long ago, GOD's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from GOD. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from GOD as he could get.

MSG

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will

Go

The Lord sent this message to Jonah, the son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh, and give them this announcement from the Lord: 'I am going to destroy you, for your wickedness rises before me; it smells to highest heaven.' " But Jonah was afraid to go and ran away from the Lord. He went down to the seacoast, to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket, went on board, and climbed down into the dark hold of the ship to hide there from the Lord.

TLB

Jonah 1:1-3

God's Will*Get Up, Go*

The LORD spoke his word to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up, go to the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it, because I see the evil things they do." But Jonah got up to run away from the LORD by going to Tarshish. He went to the city of Joppa, where he found a ship that was going to the city of Tarshish. Jonah paid for the trip and went aboard, planning to go to Tarshish to run away from the LORD.

NCV

Jonah 1:1-3

Get Up And Go

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God's Will – Jonah 1:1-3

In Context: Read Jonah 1

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Lord, I have been reluctant to get up and go and do all that you have asked of me. Sometimes, I have run the other way to go and do something else. Forgive me. Thank you so much for finding me, bringing me back, and giving me another chance to serve you. Amen

What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When has the Lord asked you to get up and go do something difficult and unpleasant for Him?

When have you had preconceived and incorrect ideas about what the Lord might ask you to do for Him?

When have your own biases and prejudices made you reluctant to get up and do something for the Lord?

What has it cost you to get up and go do something that the Lord asked you to do for Him?

Why have you purposely avoided going and doing something that the Lord asked you to do for Him?

Why is it a bad idea to run away from the Lord and what He has asked you to do for Him?

What blessings have you experienced because you got up and went and did something for the Lord?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Get up and go and do all that the Lord asks you to do for Him even when it is unpleasant and difficult.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will ask you to get up to go and do something for Him that is unpleasant and difficult.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group when you have gotten up and gone to do something for the Lord.

Close With Prayer: *Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you get up and go and do what the Lord asks you to do for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will get up and go and do what you ask me to do for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what would you like me to get up and go and do for you today?
