

“GO into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.”

Mark 16:15 (NLT)

WHAT PART OF

“GO!”

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

World = 8 billion people

- **9 out of 10 = lost**
- **2 out of 3 = no clear explanation of gospel**
- **1 out of 3 = totally unreached**

Unreached = 3 billion people

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JONAH

"Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, 'Arise, GO to Ninevah, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.' But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish..."

Jonah 1:1-3

"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Arise, **GO** to Ninevah, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah arose and **WENT** to Ninevah . . ."

Jonah 3:1-3

**"And the people of Ninevah
believed God. They called for a
fast and put on sackcloth, from
the greatest of them to the
least of them."**

Jonah 3:5

**"When God saw what they did,
how they turned from their evil
way, God relented of the disaster
that he had said he would do to
them, and he did not do it."**

Jonah 3:10

**"But it displeased Jonah
exceedingly, and he was angry."**

Jonah 4:1

The story of Jonah

The book of Jonah
is about **GOD**.

The book of Jonah **CONTRASTS**
the going, loving, seeking,
evangelistic, missionary
heart of God
with the staying,
self-centered, self-serving,
unevangelistic, anti-missionary
heart of man.

When God said **“Go!”**

Jonah said **“No!”**

Jonah :
The danger of finding and
choosing **a convenient
alternative.**

"Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah, son of Amittai, saying, 'Arise, **go** to Ninevah. that great city, and call out [**preach** - NIV] against it...'"

Jonah 1:1,2

**"In the past God spoke to our
forefathers through the prophets
at many times and in
various ways..."**

Hebrews 1:1

**"...but in these last days he [God]
has spoken to us by his Son..."**

Hebrews 1:2

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When God said "Go!", Jonah said
"No!", and in doing so he found
and chose **a convenient
alternative.**

Convenient alternatives:

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- Joppa

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- Joppa
- The boat

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- **Joppa**
- **The boat**
- **The Mediterranean Sea**

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- **Tarshish (Spain)**

JOPPA

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Joppa, the boat, the sea, and southern Spain, though perfectly innocent, legitimate things in themselves, were **the convenient alternatives** that Jonah chose in order to go his own way.

**“There’s still such a great
need here at home!”**

Amos (from Judah to Israel)

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Hosea (from Israel to Israel)

Amos (from Judah to Israel)

Hosea (from Israel to Israel)

Jonah (from Israel to Ninevah)

**"Why, if God didn't want me to
go to Tarshish that ship
wouldn't have been there!"**

The danger of finding and
choosing **a convenient
alternative**

CIU
or
Lafayette?

The danger of finding and
choosing **a convenient
alternative**

“If God calls you to missionary service, don’t disobey Him!”

Hospital Nurse

Jonah 1 (Jonah)

Acts 27 (Paul)

Because **Jonah** was heading
for Spain, everyone on his
boat was going to **die!**

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for Spain, everyone on his
boat was going to **die!**

Because **Paul** was heading for
Spain, everybody on his boat
was going to **live!**

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Corporate prayer:

"Lord, help me to **go** where You want me to go, and **do** what You want me to do (always in terms of Your worldwide redemptive missionary purposes), and deliver me from seeking and choosing **convenient alternatives.**"