

**UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL: AND WHY WE FIGHT IT**  
**Life Lessons from Jonah**

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**Facts About Jonah Chapter 1**

1. Jonah was a \_\_\_\_\_ during the reign of King Jeroboam II (782 -753 BC).
2. Jonah is an Old Testament Book of \_\_\_\_\_ and folly.
3. God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh.
4. Instead, Jonah went \_\_\_\_\_ to get away from the Lord. He traveled to the port of Joppa and boarded a ship to Tarshish.
5. While Jonah was on the ship, the Lord sent a \_\_\_\_\_ storm.
6. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for a Great Fish to swallow Jonah.

**HOW TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE**

Definition: God's will is the direction I would choose for my life if I could see things from God's point of view.

- **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOD HAS A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR MY LIFE.**

*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." **Jonah 1:1-2(NLT)***

*The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."* **Psalm 32:8 (NLT)**

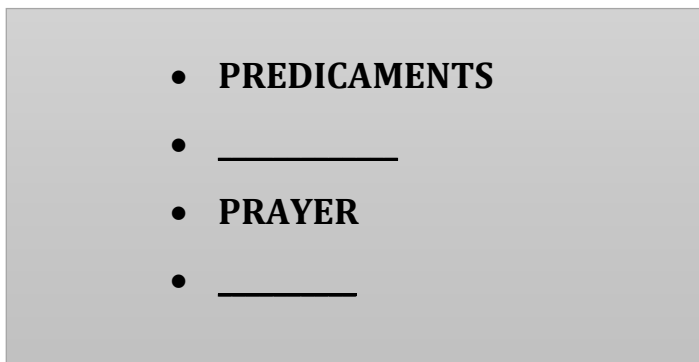
- **ADMIT THAT I CONSTANTLY \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S WILL.**

*"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."* **Jonah 1:3 (NLT)**

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."*  
**Romans 3:23 (NLT)**

- **ALLOW GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_ ME TOWARDS HIS WILL.**

*"But the Lord hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart."* **Jonah 1:4 (NLT)**



- **PREDICAMENTS**
- \_\_\_\_\_
- **PRAYER**
- \_\_\_\_\_

*"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."*  
**Proverbs 20:30 (GNB)**

*And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, "What should we do to you to stop this storm? Throw me into the sea, Jonah said, and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."*  
**Jonah 1:11-12(NLT)**

*"Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once!"* **Jonah 1:15 (NLT)**

- I \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S LOVE AS I \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIS WILL.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights."*  
**Jonah 1:17 (NLT)**

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."* **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

**I WILL SPEND TIME WITH GOD TO DISCOVER  
HIS WILL FOR \_\_\_\_\_.**

## MY NEXT STEPS TODAY:

- I will memorize **Jonah 1:17 (NLT)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will sign up for the next baptism
- I will stop fighting and start following God's will for my life
- I will sign up for the next membership classes

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