

**Series: Brother Jonah!**

**Title: Running from God's Will**

**Text: Jonah 1**

**Thesis: God is Sovereign "He's the Boss"**

*Illus: Would you consider yourself a good fighter?  
Are you worth having in a fight?  
If the How down becomes a Throw Down?  
Would we be glad you were there.*

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Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet of God (2 Kings 14:25)

Jonah was from Gath-hepher, near Nazareth

Served during the reign of Jeroboam II ~ 825-753 BC

100 years before Assyria invades the Northern Kingdom

**The Commission of Jonah: (vs 1-2)**

Nineveh was founded by Nimrod (Gen 10:11)

250 NW of Babylon, on the east bank the Tigris River.

**The Flight of Jonah: (Vs 3)**

Nineveh was roughly 500 miles from Gath-hepher

Tarshish was ~ 2500 miles west, in the opposite direction.  
Joppa is on the Mediterranean coast.

***Jonah is Picking a Fight with God***

Jonah hated the Ninevites.

Ninevites were cruel people.

Known for their cruel tortures of bearing people alive.

Filleting people alive, and other cruelties.

**The Pursuit of Jonah: (vs 4-16)**

The Sovereign God was disturbed (Vs 4a)

The Sea was disturbed (Vs 4b)

The Ship was disturbed (Vs 4c)

The Sailors were disturbed (Vs 5)

**Rebellion makes us oblivious to the plight of others (Vs 5)**

The Sailor's lost their living

The Sailor's could have lost their lives

Jonah Lost God's Voice (Is 59:1-2)

Jonah Lost his Spiritual Power

Jonah Lost his Desire to Pray

Jonah Lost his Testimony

(1 Sam 15:25) Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft

Pharmacea - Drugs

Stupid - Stupor - "Can't be reasoned with"

**The Sailor's ask Jonah 7 questions (vs 6-11)**

*What meanest thou, O sleeper?*

*What is thine occupation?*

*Whence comest thou?*

*What is thy country?*

*What people art thou?*

*Why hast thou done this?*

*What shall we do unto thee?*

### **Do you Really expect to win in a Fight with God?**

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