



Sermon Outline
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The Big Gulp Part 1 Jonah 1:1-3

Bible Character Pairing Quiz

See if you can identify the appropriate pairing:

David and _____

Daniel and the _____

Noah and the _____

Sampson and _____

Jonah and the _____

Jesus verifies that the story of Jonah is not a _____.

Matthew 12:40 - For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Jonah was a _____ of God.

The book of Jonah tells a short, fascinating story. He defied God, sat in a fish belly for three days, preached to his most hated enemy, and then got in shouting match with God.

**WWJD will never be mistaken for
"What would _____ do?"**

Nineveh was _____ a nice place.

Jonah 1:2 - Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.

*** A Nineveh type assignment today would be similar to being tasked with delivering God's message to some place like Iran, or North Korea.**

*** When the text says "But Jonah" it reveals that Jonah had experienced one of those "But God" moments.**

Important questions:

1. Is God requiring something of you that you _____ want to do?
2. What are your _____ for not wanting to do it?

Jonah was about to learn that you might be able to _____ from God but you can't _____.

Psalm 139:1-3, 7-12 - You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways... 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. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

God may not have a Jonah-size assignment for you but He does have a purpose for your life that most likely lies somewhere outside of your _____.