

**Facing Your Crossroads Like Christ**

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**Jonah 1:1-3 , 2:10-3:3a;  
Matthew 7:13-14; Ephesians 5:1 (NASB)**

**Crossroads In Life Are Inevitable**

**How You Face Your Crossroads Reveals The Posture Of  
Your Heart & Determines Your Destination**

- I. The crossroads we face & the road less traveled**
  - A. Life is an endless series of choices
  - B. Our choices are what define us
  - C. The road not taken
- II. A prophet will pick their path**
  - A. The willing
  - B. The testers
  - C. The runners
- III. Jonah's story**
  - A. God gives Jonah a calling (Jonah 1:1-2)
  - B. Jonah resists & runs (Jonah 1:3, 4-5)
  - C. God pursues Jonah (Jonah 1:4-17)
  - D. Jonah relents (Jonah 2:1-9)
  - E. Jonah repents (Jonah 2:10-3:3)
  - F. Nineveh repents (Jonah 3:4-9)
- IV. Jonah's crossroads revealed his heart**
  - A. Rebellion
  - B. Apathy
  - C. Compromise
  - D. Selfishness
  - E. Resentment
  - F. Bitterness
- V. Jonah shows us the problem... Jesus shows us the way**
  - A. Jonah becomes a mirror
    - 1. The reality
      - a. Natural (sinful) state
      - b. Justice for others
      - c. Mercy/grace for me
    - 2. Questions we must ask
      - a. Where am I resisting?
      - b. Where am I running?
      - c. Where am I compromised?
      - d. Where am I bitter?
      - e. Where has my heart drifted from God's?
  - B. Jesus becomes the pattern
    - 1. Jonah ran from enemies;  
Jesus came for His enemies
    - 2. Jonah resisted sacrifice;  
Jesus embraced sacrifice

- G. God relents (Jonah 3:10)
- H. Jonah resents God (Jonah 4:1-11)

3. Jonah sat outside the city angry;  
Jesus wept over the city
4. Jonah wanted judgement on sinners;  
Jesus absorbed judgement for sinners
5. Jonah obeyed reluctantly & resentfully;  
Jesus obeyed fully

**VI. How you respond at your crossroads matters**

- A. Character instead of rebellion
- B. Concern instead of apathy
- C. Conviction instead of compromise
- D. Calling instead of selfishness
- E. Compassion instead of resentment
- F. Contentment instead of bitterness

**“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate & broad is the road that leads to destruction, & many enter through it. But small is the gate & narrow the road that leads to life, & only a few find it.”**

**Matthew 7:13-14 ESV**

**Will You Walk In The Ways Of Jonah?  
Or Will You Walk In The Ways Of Jesus?**