



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 01

JONAH 1:1-3

God commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah disobeyed. He wanted to escape God's calling, so he ran away. But before we shake our heads at Jonah, we should pause to consider how we may be running from the Lord. For us, it doesn't look like boarding a boat and leaving the area. It may look like procrastinating on an important action you need to take or ignoring what God says about a certain sin in your life. Whatever it may be, stop running. Trust His wisdom and follow His commands.

HOW MIGHT YOU BE RUNNING FROM GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU?

HOW MIGHT YOU NEED TO STOP PROCRASTINATING AND START OBEYING?

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO IN THIS SEASON?

DAY 02

JONAH 1:4-17

HOW HAS DISOBEDIENCE LED TO NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOU?

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKES?

HOW HAS GOD REDIRECTED YOU?

Jonah tried to run away from God but failed. Jonah found out the hard way that disobeying God is never worth it. Wherever we go, God is there. There is no escaping His presence. And just as God was committed to His plan for Jonah, He is committed to His plan for you. He may close doors, redirect your path, or bring storms into your life. But all of it is meant to bring you closer to Him and His purpose for you. Don't row against God. Surrender to His direction in your life.

DAY 03

JONAH 2:1-10

Life can be full of setbacks and failures. Jonah had hit rock bottom after running from God. But in his desperation, he turned to the Lord. He said, "I called to the LORD in my distress" (v. 2). Sometimes the best thing for our souls is to come to the end of our rope, to know we cannot make it on our own, and to call out to the Lord. God wants to use everything in your life, the good and the bad, to bring you closer to Him. Turn to Him on the best and worst days.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT SETBACKS YOU'VE EXPERIENCED?

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THROUGH YOUR STRUGGLES?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TURN TO THE LORD FOR?

DAY 04

JONAH 3:1-10

HOW CAN YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF?

WHAT SIN MIGHT YOU NEED TO FORSAKE?

WHEN HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S MERCY IN YOUR OWN LIFE?

The leaders of Nineveh commanded the people to humble themselves and forsake their sin. God saw their actions and withheld the judgment Jonah had warned about. God invites us to do the same. God invites us to do the same. Scripture says God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5)—God is honored and pleased when we turn away from our sinful habits and struggles and turn back toward Him. And He will be merciful, forgiving you and giving you peace and joy that your sin could never bring.

DAY 05

JONAH 4:1-10

God loves people more than we could ever measure. He is patient and eager to show mercy. We should share in His love for people. We should long to see them experience His grace just as we have. Jonah cared more about his own comfort than the lives of the people of Nineveh. God taught him a valuable lesson we all need to hear: God loves everyone. He made them and had a plan for their lives. Do all you can to help each person discover God's plan for their lives and love the world just as He does.

HOW CAN YOU SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO LOVE OTHERS JUST AS GOD HAS LOVED US?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GROW IN YOUR LOVE FOR PEOPLE?