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¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. **Jonah 1:1-3 (NIV11)**

When We Run There's a _____

- We are _____
- We are _____
- We are _____
- We are _____

¹ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to do by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” **Jonah 4:1-3 (NIV11)**

- Jonah was _____ at God because of God's _____.

¹⁰ But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?” **Jonah 4:10-11 (NIV11)**

Point: God calls us to step into experiences that reveal our _____ so that we can find _____.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Begin a journey with God by trusting Jesus with my life.
- Ask God to help me see anything in my life that I am running from and to recognize why.
- Stop running and commit to go wherever God would lead so that I can become whole.
- Memorize or meditate on Jonah 4:2b
 - I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.