

## Following God: A Study of Jonah - Playing Chess with God

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1. Do you play chess? What is the appeal of this game to those who play?
2. Read Jonah 1:1-2. In what ways have you seen God take the initiative in your relationship with him?
3. Read verse 3. What mission has God called you to that you are avoiding? In what ways have you run from his calling in your life?
4. Read verse 4. How has God interfered with your plans in order to accomplish his own plans?
5. Read verses 5-16. In what ways are you orthodox in your head but heretical in your heart? Do your actions align with what you say that you believe about God?
6. In what ways has indifference to God's will damaged your relationship with him?
7. Read verse 17. Why does God's sovereignty matter in our lives? How have you experienced this?
8. Read Psalm 89:11 and Psalm 24:1. Do you respond to God in a way that affirms his sovereignty? What does that look like in our lives?
9. Do you believe that God's glory and your good are compatible? How can we see the ultimate good of God's plan as ultimately desirable?
10. In what way does God need to defeat your will today and call you back to his mission?