

West Valley Church of Christ – April 12, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO OBEY GOD

God expected Jonah to obey His command to go to the city of Nineveh, the capital of the mighty Assyrian empire, and preach against it. This Assyrian city was known for its cruelty. The prophet Nahum in 3:1 wrote, “Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims.” Nahum described piles of dead, bodies without number, and people stumbling over the corpses in the streets. The Ninevites were a violent people and had been enemies of the I AM God and His people for a long time. Nineveh was like an overflowing septic tank figuratively and God was tired of the smell and told Jonah to go preach a message of judgment in the wicked city. However, Jonah didn’t want the people to even have a chance to repent so instead of going to Nineveh he hopped on a ship headed to Tarshish. Rather than Jonah going 500 miles northeast from where he was, he attempts to go approximately 2000 miles in the other direction. As we think about the story of Jonah, we realize we too at times are tempted to go our own way instead of God’s way. There are really only two roads in the Christian life figuratively: one leads to Nineveh – that’s the road of obedience to the will of God. The other road is to Tarshish – that’s the road of disobedience. Our responsibility to obey God does not go away simply because we run away, move away, change jobs, or change churches. If there is unfinished business in our lives or unrepentant sin we have a responsibility before God to take care of it.



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