Jonah: God Does Not Want Anyone to Perish (Part 1)

Many ti	mes, we attempt to avoid or ignore God's	s on our lives	
	We can generate a multitude of	why God is wrong, or why we are	not qualified
We are	not the first reluctant followers of God		
The pro	phet Jonah thought he could outmaneuve	er God	
Who wa	as Jonah?		
(Jonah	1:1) A prophet who received a message di	rectly from God for	
	The son of Amittai (2 Kings 14:25)		
	A resident of Gath-Hepher, a tow	n north of Nazareth near the Sea of Galile	е
	Lived during the Reith of King Jer	oboam II (783-471 BC)	
(Jonah	1:2) God's assignment for Jonah		
	Go to Nineveh and tell them	is coming	
The Assyrians were the up-and-coming military power in the middle East			
	Israel was forced to pay them		
(Jonah	1:3-16) Jonah's and God's	s response	
	(v.3) Jonah goes in exactly the opposite of	irection commanded by God	
	(v.4) God's response		
	(v.5-6) Our to God do	not just affect us	
	(v.5b) Jonah did not care about t	he lives of others	
	(v.6) Get up and pray to your God	d – he will help	
	(v.7-11) Jonah unable to hide the consequences of his disobedience		
(v.7-8) They cast lots and Jonah was exposed (v.8) Answers demanded by innocent victims			
	(v.10-11) Why have you included us in your disobedience?		
	(v.12) Jonah's plan to	God	
	(v.13-14) The sailors think they can solve the problem They want to preserve Jonah's life and save their own		
	They are so that they pray to a God they don't serve		
	(v.15-16) God shows his	to unbelievers	
	They are astonished, make sacrif	ices to God and swear to	him