

PART 1: Runnin' DATE: 08-12-2018

**START**

Everyone likes a good ranking system. We rank our favorite foods, our favorite sports teams, and sometimes even ourselves against other people.

- What are your 3 top favorite foods?
- Have you ever found yourself comparing yourself to someone else? Did you rank them as "better" or "worse" than you?

**READ**

[Jonah 1:1-2](#)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its **wickedness** has come up before me."

[Jonah 1:7](#)

Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this **calamity**." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

**THINK**

God calls us daily to live our lives for Him. Sometimes, often times, that call is to a place, a conversation, or a person where we don't want to go, have, or interact with. We can either choose to run from God's calling (ignoring is running), or we can accept God's calling.

- How do you know if God is calling you to do something?
- Tell about a time when you ran from God. Did your running bring you to a dangerous place?
- Is God currently calling you to do something? What concerns do you have about following God?

Chris said, *"You're not that different from those who you think are different from you."*

- When you think about those that are different than you, do you tend to define them as a person or as a set of behaviors?
- Have you ever come to the realization that someone you thought was different actually was very similar to you? What happened?
- Who do you find different that you need to reach out to?

God leverages your brokenness to connect broken people to Him.

- Share a moment where you have experienced God leveraging your brokenness to help someone take a step towards Him.

**PRAY**

Ask God to tear down the barriers of difference between you and others and to help you see people as God sees people.

**ACT**

What step is God calling you to take? ( talk to someone, serve somewhere, be baptized). Take a step towards Him. If you want to get baptized, go to [tconline.info/baptism](http://tconline.info/baptism). Seek clarification of God's calling on your life.

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