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Jonah 1:1-17; 4:1-11

Why did the Lord who is our God give all believers His Holy Spirit? When you and I take on Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior, God does a miraculous and powerful work in our lives. When we die to sin, God separates our evil nature from our souls. When He separates our evil natures He implants His Holy Spirit. Why? Is it just to save us from our sins?

When the Lord who is our God gives us His Spirit we get everything that the Spirit is and possesses! We get hope. We get peace. We get power. Everything the Spirit is and possesses is ours!

In the Scripture above God has called Jonah to be a missionary/prophet to Nineveh. Jonah does what many people do when they hear from God. They run the other way, they run from God hoping to avert Him and His call.

The fact of the matter is, is that every full, faith, follower is called by God. The Greek word for call means to be invited. We are all invited to join the Lord who is our God in service and ministry! So the question becomes what are you called to? What are your spiritual gifts? Don't know? Could it be that you are like Jonah? Are you running from God? Are you running from His invitation to join Him? Are you running from obedience in God to disobedience?

Jonah was so against God's invitation to join Him in ministry for the people of Nineveh that even Jonah would say "I would rather die!!!" And so the question becomes, who is your Nineveh? Just like Jonah you would rather die in disobedience! Why run from obedience when you can be empowered by the Spirit of the Living God!