

# Blue Pill or Red Pill?

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Running from God is \_\_\_\_\_ Life!

Running to God is \_\_\_\_\_ Life!

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ my life. \_\_\_\_\_ my life!

**Jonah 4:1-11 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.  
<sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.  
<sup>3</sup> Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."  
<sup>4</sup> But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"  
<sup>5</sup> Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.  
<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.  
<sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered.  
<sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."  
<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."  
<sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.  
<sup>11</sup> But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

**Escaping Life** \_\_\_\_\_ **vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Investing Life:**

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**Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_ **Embrace** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationally** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationally** \_\_\_\_\_

## How can I invest my life?

**1. Invest my \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**2. Invest my \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

**3. Invest my \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Luke 16:9 (NLT)** Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

**4. Invest my \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)** <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

**January Memory Verse -- Psalm 103:8 (NIV)** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.