

# SERMON Q's

The Gospel for Runaways  
February 23, 2020  
Jonah 1:17-2:10

1. What are some reasons you don't pray sometimes? How does shame and the feeling of distance in your relationship with God impact your desire to pray?
2. How are things we view as God's punishments often ways of rescuing our hearts and bringing us back to Him (like the great fish for Jonah)?
3. What aspect of being a "runaway" is most convicting to you? The number of times you've run? The place you've run? The Father you've run from?
4. When in your life has Satan whispered lies or half-truths to you about your relationship with God? How did you combat that lie, or how could you today with Gospel truth?
5. Have one person share a real shame or lie of Satan they've heard as specifically as they're willing to (e.g. "I'm a failure as a dad because I lost my temper with my kid. God is done with me."). Now have one or two people in the group speak Gospel truth to them as directly from God's Word as you're able to (e.g. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed your transgression from you.").
6. How does the work of Jesus encourage you to pray and know you can talk with your Father?

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