

Jonah 1:1-6 ~ “Fleeing God”

1) Posture of Flight

2) Progression of Flight

3) Price of Flight

Ponderings

- How does Jonah’s “default mode”, i.e., self-righteousness, show up in his posture toward God? How does this show up for you?
- Why is Jonah so afraid of success? What does Jonah seem to be addicted to? Why is it so easy for us to act like we are our own God rather than let God be God?
- How is the storm that God sends more of an intervention than it is a punishment for Jonah? What kinds of interventions has God (perhaps through others) sent your way? Did it/has it stopped your running?
- In what ways are you “sleeping”? Have there ever been any tempting “ships” to take you to Tarshish? What were they? Was the trip worth it?
- What kinds of effects does your sin have on others? Why is it so hard to think about those kinds of consequences in the heat of the moment?
- How does the good news, that God always--no matter what you may have done or how far you have drifted--welcomes those who run to him sound? Are you ready to run to him?

Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for his divine interventions and the ways he keeps calling us back to him. Praise him for his grace!