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Jonah 1:3

“But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish away from the presence of the LORD.” Jonah 1:3

We may smile at the naivety of Jonah’s actions, (we who are far more sophisticated!) but in reality, we do the very same thing, don’t we? When we are convicted of our own sins we will conveniently stay away from fellowship with believers who are hungry for the things of God lest our sin is uncovered or our lack of spiritual enthusiasm be revealed. Prayer meetings and personal Bible studies are conveniently missed lest we be confronted by the Spirit in His quest to conform us to the image of Jesus.

“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.” (Proverbs 18:1). It may be one of the first noticeable indicators of our broken fellowship with God – we tend to stay away or shy away from other Christians. Of course, some may simply put up a façade; smiling all the while they are hurting and maybe even dying on the inside.

Discipline yourself to always run to the Lord even when you are in inner turmoil. “If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:9). Discipline yourself to submit to the preaching of the Word and the gathering of the saints.

Without such measures – remember there is a “fish” out there somewhere – specifically prepared by God for His run-away children!

Selah!

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