

Why Do We Run?

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I. Runaways

1. Testimony – I ran away from home
 - No plan – No direction [away]
 - Loving family [I know they loved me]
 - So why did I run away?
2. Adam ran away – Genesis 3:6-9
 - No plan – No direction [away]
 - Loving relationship [He knew God loved him]
 - So why did Adam run away?
3. Elijah ran away – 1 Kings 19:1-3
 - No plan – No direction [away]
 - Loving relationship with God—Victory [He knew God loved him]
 - So why did Elijah run away?
4. Jonah ran away – Jonah 1:1-3
 - No plan – No direction [away 1:10]
 - Loving relationship with God
 - So why did Jonah run away?

II. Why did they run away?

1. Me – Selfish/rebellion
 - “Pick rocks” small, insignificant
 - Rebellious
2. Adam – Shame/guilt Genesis 3:10-11
 - “Felt” naked
3. Elijah– Fear 1 Kings 19:1-3
 - Awesome power & victory 1 Kings 18:19, 21, 36-38, 49-40
 - Fear usually appears bigger than it is

Your situation [a] + Fear [**A**]

4. Jonah – disobedience Jonah 1:1-3
 - Displeased – Jonah 3:10-4:2