

# Lessons from a Man Who Ran

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Jonah 1:1-16 (NIV)

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of running from God!

## 4 Consequences of Running from God

**Consequence #1: The \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>3</sup>But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.

<sup>15</sup>Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.

God will allow \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to get my attention.

**Consequence #2: The \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Consequence #3: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**

**Consequence #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Impact on \_\_\_\_\_ in my life**

<sup>7</sup>Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

<sup>12</sup>"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Grace does not mean that \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ me from the consequences of the Run.

Grace does mean that God will \_\_\_\_\_ and God can \_\_\_\_\_ from my bad decisions.

<sup>13</sup>Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried to the Lord, "O Lord, please do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O Lord, have done as you pleased." <sup>15</sup>Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. <sup>16</sup>At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

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