

1) When God calls you out. (1-2)

How does the Word of the Lord come to us? Have you ever thought you heard from God only to realize later it wasn't God? Tell about it.

Discuss this statement: *"The further you move from the written Word of God, the less confidence you can have in you have heard from God."* What danger is there in claiming to hear a word from God outside of what God has revealed in Scripture?

Have you ever sensed God calling you out of your comfort zone to a specific ministry to others? Describe it? How did you respond? Did you obey immediately? If not, what were the consequences? Is God calling you out now? If so, to what?

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Is Jonah's calling all that different than the one God gives to every Christian? Getting a call from God to be on mission with Him is the greatest privilege anyone could receive. Are you on mission with God? How?

2) When you run away. (3)

Have you ever been to Tarshish? Tell about it...

- **A place in the opposite direction from God.** Where did it take you? How far away from God were? ...are you?
- **A place where a ship is always going.** What vehicle did you take to flee from God?
- **A place where the cost of living is high.** What did your journey cost you?
- **A place where God can still find you.** Read Psalm 139:7-10. How did God get your attention?
- **A place you should leave now.** Are you ready to obey yet?

3) When God chases you down. (v. 4)

Sin always brings a storm. What kinds of storm have you experienced or are you currently experiencing as a result of running from God?

God is committed to sinking every ship that threatens to carry you away from Him. Have you ever been mad at God for the storm he is allowing?

There is no refuge from God. There is only refuge in God. How have you found God to be a refuge in the midst of the storm?

Are you a fugitive from God?

What are you running from?

Why are you running?

When are you going to turn around?

Additional Scripture

- 2Kings 14:25
- Hosea 14:1
- Psalm 48:7
- Psalms 107:23-30
- James 1:13-15