

“Enough Is Enough”

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There are times in our lives when we feel the urge to escape, to break free from confinement or control, even from the Lord. However, running away from God leads us to the wrong direction and has dire consequences.

7 Reasons for Running Away

1. Indulging in Desperation

- 1.1 It puts us in a position where we make poor decisions and heed our impulses that lead to bad outcomes.
- 1.2 We may feel trapped in certain situations, but God always has a plan for us to avoid perilous decisions.

- “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

2. Making rush/poor decisions

- 2.1 In making decisions, consider the options and their consequences. Let us not put ourselves in a worst place than we are today.
- 2.2 Consider not taking action – sometimes, it is the best move to make in desperate times.

3. Being Impatient

- 3.1 God won't put us in a situation that we can't handle.
 - For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. (Heb. 10:36)

4. Not leaving our comfort zone

- 4.1 We have the tendency to run away from our responsibilities just because we want to stay in our comfort zone.

5. Giving Up

- 5.1 Be strong and keep doing what God has told us to do.

- “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you — oracle of the Lord — plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope” (Jer. 29:11).

6. Being Disobedient

- 6.1 Sometimes we know the truth about God, but still disobey Him because we have our own ways in mind.
- 6.2 We avoid what the Lord is telling us and we choose to go in the opposite direction, leaving us to suffer the consequences of our own actions.

7. Focusing on Fear

- 7.1 Because of our fear, we miss some of the opportunities and blessings that God has in store for us.

Consequences of Running away from God:

1. He will discipline us.
2. Disobedience can affect everything around us.
3. We flee from the presence of God.
4. We go downhill.
5. We give room to the Devil.
6. We can run, but you can't hide.
7. The judgment of God will catch up with us.

When God asks us something, we must not run away; rather, we must run faster to do it.

Reflection: Was there an event in your life that you didn't choose to run away from? What is the result of this?

It is best to face the situation at hand, trusting that God will never leave nor forsake us.

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