

**God Speaks**  
**Jonah 1:1-16**



- God speaks \_\_\_\_\_ to be obeyed
- God speaks because He is at \_\_\_\_\_ loving the world

God speaks to us through the \_\_\_\_\_

But when God speaks, we naturally \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 46:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Other ways we run away:

- We make decisions without praying about it
- We listen to sermons for Inspiration instead of God’s conviction
- We confine worship to Sunday morning
- We give because we think it will get God off our back
- We take the Lord’s Supper without thought of what we’re doing
- We work for the church to sooth our conscience

**Exodus 20:8-10, Hebrews 10:23-25**

***We do what we want to do so we don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ to what God is saying***

**Jonah 1:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD **came** to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> “**Arise, go** to Nineveh, that great city, and **call out against it**, for their evil has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup> **But** Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish **from the presence of the LORD**. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. **So he paid the fare** and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away **from the presence of the LORD**.

*Jonah paid the fair to run from God’s presence, but Jesus paid the cross in order to regain God’s presence for us.*

Jesus’ payment on our behalf was much greater than Jonah’s payment to flee God’s presence:

Jesus paid...

- Willingly
- Perfectly
- Completely

**YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_  
TO BE IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

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TO BE IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

**YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_  
TO FIND GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Psalm 139:7-10 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.