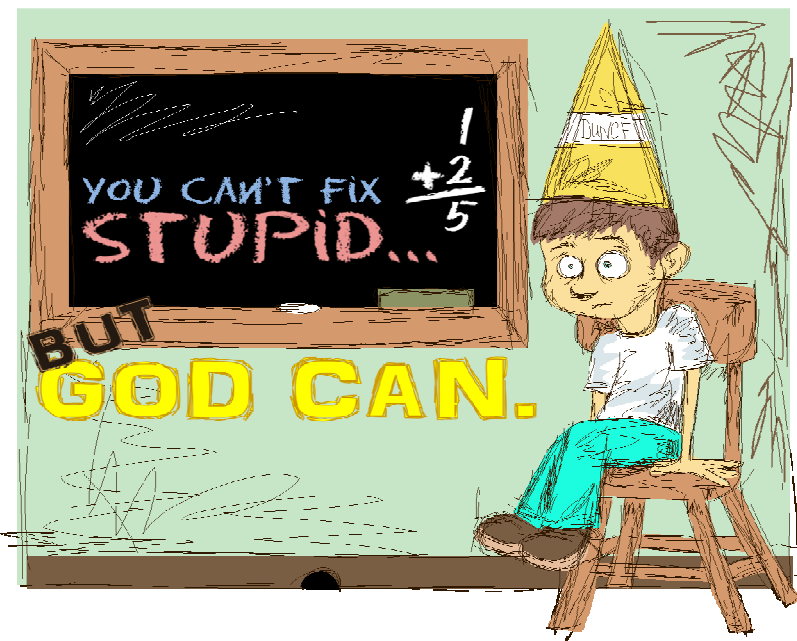


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You Can't Fix Stupid, But God Can – Sermon #8 You Cannot Run Away From God

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1. RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD IS STUPID BECAUSE IT SABATOGES GOD'S _____ FOR YOUR LIFE.

- Jonah's bad decision was to _____ away from God's plan for his life.

SCRIPTURE – **Jonah 1:1-3** *"The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh! Announce My judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.' But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction in order to get away from the Lord. He went down to the seacoast, to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board..."*

- When you try to run away from God you will eventually be confronted with a _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Jonah 1:4** *Suddenly the Lord flung a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to send them to the bottom."*

1. It is a frightening experience to face the storms of life _____.

2. It is a totally different experience when you face the storms _____ to God.

- When you make a bad decision you generally try to _____ from God.

1. God knows who you are and God knows _____ you are.

2. Running from God creates a long hard road _____.

2. RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD IS STUPID BECAUSE IT ALWAYS HAS NEGATIVE AFFECT ON THOSE WHO ARE THE _____ TO YOU.

- To "successfully" keep running away from God you cannot afford to care about anybody but _____.
- If you are going to "successfully" keep making bad decisions you cannot let God _____ your heart.

3. GOD FIXES STUPID DECISIONS WHEN WE MAKE A SPIRITUAL _____.

- Jonah caved in and went from independence to _____ on God.

SCRIPTURE – **Jonah 1:17 – 2:10** *"Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. He said, 'I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and He answered me. I called to You from the world of the dead, and Lord You heard me! ... When I had lost all hope, I turned my thoughts once more to the Lord. And my earnest prayer went out to You' ... Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did."*

- If you humble yourself and sincerely admit your need for God, He _____ to come along beside you and get you through.

1. He'll provide _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalm 62** *"God said this once for all. How many times have I heard it repeated? Strength comes straight from God."*

2. God will provide all you _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalm 54:4** *"God is my helper. The Lord is the provider of my life."*

3. He'll provide _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Isaiah 25** *"You protect the helpless when they are in danger. You are like a shelter from storms."*

- What's it going to take to get you to _____ back to God?

4. GOD FIXES STUPID DECISIONS BY _____ YOU WITH HIS GRACE.

- If Jonah had looked over his shoulder, he would have seen God _____ him with grace and love.
- After Jonah decided to turn back to God, God _____ had a plan for his life.

SCRIPTURE – **Jonah 3:1** *"Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time..."*

1. God delights in giving second _____.

2. God hates sin, but He loves to _____ even more.

- God is _____.
- God is _____.
- God is filled with loving _____.