

# IMPACT GROUPS

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## **What are you running from?**

Recently, the Women's Bible study has been engaging *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. Jonah was the only prophet in the Bible who received instructions from God and ran from what God told him to do. Being a prophet, his job was to hear the word of God and then to administer it to the people. But because of his feelings toward Nineveh, Jonah felt that this was just an interruption in his life and not a divine intervention. In his mind, this was too great of a challenge...so Jonah ran.

More than likely, there are times that the Lord speaks to us regarding a certain issue, task or responsibility, and we disobey. Even if we are waiting to obey because of circumstances...delayed obedience is disobedience.

- Is there something in your life that you know God has called you to that you are running from? What are the obstacles keeping you from obedience?

***Psalm 32:5 – Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.***

The Lord has to get Jonah's attention so that he would finish the task given to him. Jonah experiences the Lord's discipline by spending three days in the belly of a large fish. He eventually acknowledges God and is sent again to Nineveh to complete his original task. Jonah could never have imagined that his obedience combined with God's anointing would bring about one of the greatest revivals in history. Priscilla Shirer states that when God interrupts our life, He is giving us an opportunity to respond and have a story that will mark generations forever.

- How does it make you feel considering your obedience combined with God's anointing and strength could mark a generation? What are your next steps to walking in obedience?

Even if you are not sure what steps to take, the Lord will meet you where you are at and lead you.

***Isaiah 30:21 – “Your ears will hear a word behind you, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right or to the left.”***

- How do you want your group to pray for you?