

BIBLE RUNAWAYS

There were at least 11 Bible characters who “ran away” when things got tough. They are: Adam, Jonah, Elijah, Mark, Onesimus, Moses, Gideon, Prodigal Son, David, Judas Iscariot, and Peter.

Runaway #10 - Judas Iscariot

1. Let's do a quick Bible search on facts about Judas Iscariot. Match the columns.
 - a. Matthew 10:4 ___ He was called a traitor.
 - b. Matthew 26:14 ___ Judas was predicted hundreds of years ago.
 - c. Matthew 26:25 ___ Judas was missing in the final upper room scene.
 - d. Matthew 26:49 ___ He was the treasurer for Jesus & the disciples.
 - e. Matthew 27:3 ___ After he betrayed Jesus, he felt remorse (“repented”).
 - f. Matthew 27:3 ___ He only called Jesus “Rabbi”.
 - g. Matthew 27:5 ___ He was one of the original 12 disciples.
 - h. Luke 6:16 ___ He stood with the soldiers, not Jesus, in the garden.
 - i. John 6:70 ___ He was the one who guided the arrest of Jesus.
 - j. John 12:4 ___ Later on, Judas returned the betrayal money.
 - k. John 12:4 ___ He asked Jesus if he was the “betrayed”.
 - l. John 12:5 ___ He was a thief.
 - m. John 13:2 ___ He knew where Jesus' meeting places were.
 - n. John 13:28 ___ He took money in exchange for betraying Jesus.
 - o. John 18:2 ___ He kept his ungodly plans & beliefs a secret.
 - p. John 18:5 ___ He betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
 - q. John 26:25,49 ___ He did not care for the needs of the poor.
 - r. Acts 1:13 ___ The devil prompted Judas to betray Jesus.
 - s. Acts 1:16 ___ Jesus called Judas a “devil” earlier.
 - t. Psalm 41:9 ___ After the betrayal, Judas hanged himself. (Suicide)

2. Consider these facts and indicate “yes” or “no” based on your knowledge of the Bible.
 - a. ___Yes ___No Jesus had no idea that Judas was going to betray Him.
 - b. ___Yes ___No Judas was a fake from the start & never was a believer.
 - c. ___Yes ___No Jesus loved Judas and included him in their intimate fellowship.
 - d. ___Yes ___No Judas loved the poor; that's why he handled the money box.
 - e. ___Yes ___No Judas was condemned to hell from the start and had no hope.
 - f. ___Yes ___No Judas never called Jesus Lord or Master; he only used “Rabbi”.
 - g. ___Yes ___No Judas only used “Rabbi” because he never became a believer.
 - h. ___Yes ___No Judas would never have betrayed Jesus without the devil's help.
 - i. ___Yes ___No At the beginning, Judas did not know he was the betrayer.
 - j. ___Yes ___No Judas missed the last upper room meeting because he was shopping.
 - k. ___Yes ___No When Judas looked into Jesus' face, he saw nothing but love.
 - l. ___Yes ___No When you think about Judas Iscariot, do you love him?

3. Did you ever hate God? Explain briefly. _____

4. Do you remember a time when you definitely knew that God loved you and wanted you? Briefly explain. _____

5. When that time in #4 happened, did you ___reject Him or ___accept Him?
If you rejected God on that occasion, YOU RAN AWAY.
6. If you accepted God that day, how did you feel about it? _____

7. On that day that you accepted Christ as your Savior, did all your problems in life and family go away? Briefly explain. _____

8. That day that you made a decision for God, was it real or were you a fake? Explain.

9. In your earlier life, did you pretend to be a Christian for some selfish or dishonest reason, and live a fake life? Please explain. _____

10. Did you really accept Christ as your Savior some time in your life, and then dump it and start living for the devil? Explain. _____

If you rejected & turned away from God on that occasion, YOU RAN AWAY.

A Few Thoughts:

- *If you ran away years ago by not accepting Christ, YOU RAN AWAY THEN.*
- *If you are still not a believer (still rejecting Christ), YOU ARE STILL RUNNING.*
- *If you became a believer and then turned to sin, YOU ARE A BELIEVER WHO IS RUNNING.*

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WOULD BE THE PRODIGAL SON.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | The son was a legitimate member of his family. (A picture of God's family) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | When the son left, he was still part of the same family. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | His running away did not stop his father from loving him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | After being gone for years, he was still part of the same family. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | After being gone for years, his father still loved just as much. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | The son was valuable to the father even when he left. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | The son was valuable to the father even though years had passed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Even though the son fell into disgusting sin, his father valued him still. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Even after all the years, the father was still at home waiting for him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Even when we run away, there is still a father and still a home with him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Even when we run away, our father hugs us and cleans us up. |

My dear brother - Judas chose "wrong"; God is waiting for you to choose "right".