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Punishment and Freedom

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Arrest in the Garden

(Jesus arrested in Gethsemane in Mark 14:42-45)

⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him.

Arrest in the Garden

(Jesus arrested in Gethsemane in Mark 14:46-49)

⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

- Disciples saw two options to obtain Freedom and escape Punishment
- Fight Or Flight

Why Fight?

- Israel longed for a Messiah-King
 - Freedom through power
 - Governments often didn't transition peacefully

Why Fight?

- Israel longed for a Messiah-King
- Timing wasn't right previously

(Feeding of the 5,000 in John 6:14-15)

¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Why Fight?

- Israel longed for a Messiah-King
- Timing wasn't right previously
- The ball was rolling

(Jesus Enters Jerusalem in Matthew 21:9-11)

⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Why Fight?

- Israel longed for a Messiah-King
- Timing wasn't right previously
- The ball was rolling
- Disciples were ready to rumble

(Samaritan town rejects Jesus in Luke 9:53-54)

⁵³ But the people [Samaritans] did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

(Mount of Olives meeting in Luke 22:33)

³³ Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

How did fighting work out?

(Arrest in the Garden in Luke 22:49-51)

⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “**Lord, shall we strike with the sword?**”

⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And **he touched his ear and healed him.**

(Also Mark 14, Matthew 26, John 18)

- **Apologetics 101: Cutting people’s ears off prevents them from hearing**

(Characteristics of a Christian in Galatians 5: 22-23)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The disciples R-U-N-N-O-F-T

(Arrest in the Garden in Matthew 26:56)

⁵⁶ Then all the disciples left him and fled.

- Acted in Fear of Punishment
 - Jesus did not stand up against Rome: Mark 12:13-17
 - Leaders looking to arrest/kill Jesus: Matthew 21:23-45, John 5:10-18, John 10:22-39, Luke 22:1-2
 - Looking to kill Lazarus: John 12:9-11
- **Neither Fight nor Flight brought freedom**

Case Studies in Flight: Prodigal Son

- Prodigal son (and older brother): When we've done something wrong

(Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15)

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between **them**. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

- The younger brother ran from humiliating his father
- The older brother distanced himself from his responsibility

Case Studies in Flight: Prodigal Son

- The Father humbled himself to restore his younger son:

(Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15)

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

- And humbled himself to restore his older son:

²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him...³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.

- **God makes provisions to restore us when we run**

Case Studies in Flight: Jonah

- When we believe God will do something wrong

(Jonah responding to God's calling in Jonah 1)

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

...He went **down** to Joppa and found a ship...

...So he paid the fare and went **down** into it...

...But Jonah had gone **down** into the inner part of the ship...

...and had lain **down** and was fast asleep...

...Pick me up and hurl me into the **sea**...

...Jonah was in the **belly** of the fish...

Case Studies in Flight: Jonah

- Jonah saw forgiveness of the Ninevites to be a failure of Justice

(Jonah responding to the Ninevites' Repentance in Jonah 4)

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is **why I made haste to flee** to Tarshish; **for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful**, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.

- God works out his purpose even when we flee or disobey

When we R-U-N-N-O-F-T

- Running away is the human condition
- God promises to “follow” us, even when we run

(Psalm 23)

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

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- ~~Follow~~ Chase, Hunt, Pursue = רדף

The 3rd way

- Jesus did not Fight or Flee

(Jesus on his upcoming death and resurrection from Matthew 20)

¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

(God’s inspired word through Paul in 1 Corinthians 15)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

- Our Freedom came through Jesus taking on our Punishment

Application:

1) There are a lot of ears to heal

- Healing comes before Hearing

2) Want to know what to do? Get to know Jesus

- Finishing sentences
- Relationship
 - Prayer
 - Reading his Word
 - God's spirit in you

(God's inspired word through Paul in 2 Corinthians 5)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.