**1 – God Is Asking…**

Genesis 3:8-13

2 – “**WHERE ARE YOU?”**

After they had sinned, ***“the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord”*** (Genesis 3:8)

God then asked*,* ***“Where are you?”***

Why would we try to hide?

*“Shrink away in shame…”* (1 John 2:28)

We can’t hide! (Proverbs 5:21; Psalms 139:8; John 3:19)

**3 – “WHERE ARE YOU?”**

**Examples:**

1. **Jonah** - who *“rose up to flee… from the presence of the Lord”*.
(Jonah 1:3)
2. **Elijah - *“what are you doing here?”*** (1 Kings 19:9-10)
3. **The Ten lepers** - *“were there not ten cleansed? But the nine -* ***where are they****?”* (Luke 17:11-19; 2 Chronicles 32:25)
4. **Prodigal son** - in the fields feeding swine (Luke 15:15-16)
5. **Peter -** *“…he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof…”*
(Galatians 2:12)

**4 – “WHERE ARE YOU?”**

**In terms of where we used to be and where we should be:**

* Maybe we haven’t **“fled”** from the presence of the Lord, but are we as close as we use to be?
* **Have we drifted?** Hebrews 2:1, ***“drift”*** means to “**flow past or glide by** - doesn’t indicate even intentional disregard, just a damning degree of **negligence**”.
* **Negligence** - careless or lack of regard. Failure to *“take it to heart”*. (Malachi 2:2)

**5 – “WHERE ARE YOU?”**

**In terms of growth and maturity:**

* Someone who needs guiding? Acts 8:31
* A new child of God who needs nurturing or someone who should be mature? Hebrews 5:12-6:1; James 1:2-4; 1 Cor. 3:1-3)

**6 – “WHERE ARE YOU?”**

**Are you lost?**

*“Sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34; Luke 15)

**Ever remember as a young child being separated from your parents?** (Matthew 10:28; Hebrews 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

* Psalms 119:176 – *“I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant…”* (Luke 19:10)

**Do we wish to be found? Do we want reconciliation?** (Hebrews 7:25; James 4:8; Luke 15:17-19)

**7 – “WHO TOLD YOU?”**

**Genesis 3:11 - God asked Adam and Eve, *“who told you that you were naked?”***

God’s law was clear but they began to listen to someone else, they listened to the wisdom of Satan.
(Genesis 3:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-8; cf., John 10:3-5)

Whose voice are you listening to?

**8 – “WHO TOLD YOU?”**

**Example of the *“man of God”* and the *“old prophet”*** - 1 Kings 13

Who told him to “*eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came”*? (vs. 9) **God did!**

Who told him he could? A man who lied! (vs. 18)

Killed by a lion. (1 Peter 5:8)

Not even an angel from heaven. (Galatians 1:8-9)

**9 – “WHO TOLD YOU?”**

**Authority of man or God**? (Matthew 21:23-27)

**Doctrines of men**? (Matthew 15:7-9; 16:6-12)

**Someone who is telling you what you want to hear**?
(2 Timothy 4:1-3, 1 Kings 22; Isaiah 30:10)

**10 – “WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?”**

***“God said to the woman, ‘what is this that you have done?’”*** (Genesis 3:13)

**Accountability** - God knows what we have done, will we acknowledge it?

* **Achan** - Joshua 7:19-21, *“tell me now what you have done…I saw… I coveted…took… concealed…”; (c*f., James 1:14-15)
* **King Saul** - 1 Samuel 13:11, *“what have you done?... I forced myself”* (cf., 1 Samuel 15:9-23)
* **King David** - *“I have sinned against the Lord.”* (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalms 32:1-5)

**11 – “WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?”**

**Examples:**

* **The Israelites** (Jeremiah 8:4-6)
* **Those on the day of Pentecost?** Acts 2:36
* **Saul of Tarsus?** Acts 9:5-6; 26:14; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10; Acts 26:9-12; 1 Timothy 1:12-15
* **Simon the sorcerer**? Acts 8:18-24
* **You and I?** Romans 3:23; 6:23

**12 – GOD IS ASKING…**

**Where are you?**

* Are you *“in Christ”*? (Galatians 3:26-27)

**Who told you?**

* Are you listening to the wisdom from above? (James 3:17)

**What have you done?**

* Have you *“done everything, to stand firm”*? (Ephesians 6:13)