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Are You Running from God?

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Why Running from God ?

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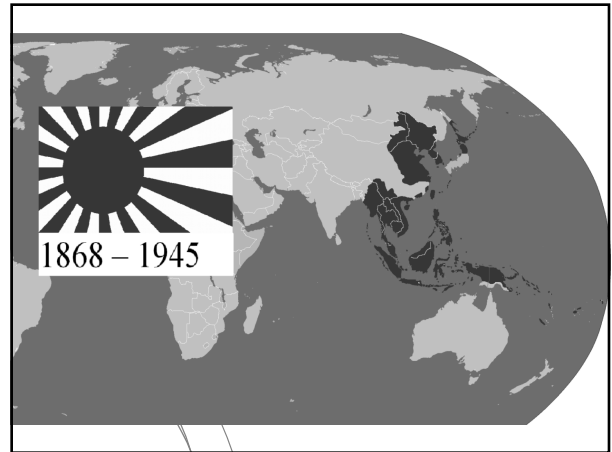
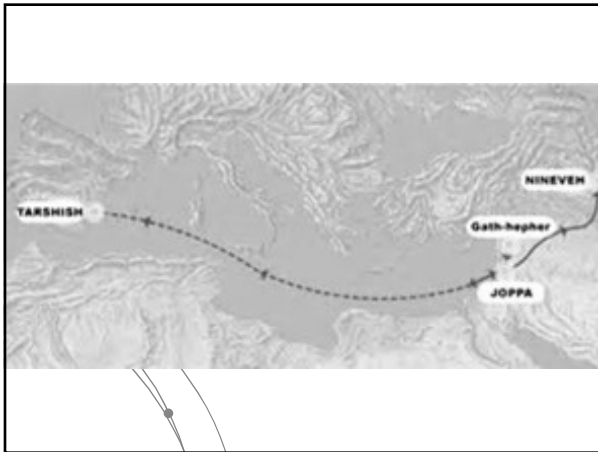
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● **You may send me anywhere, except ...**

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- because the Lord disciplines the one he loves ... (**Hebrew 12:6**)



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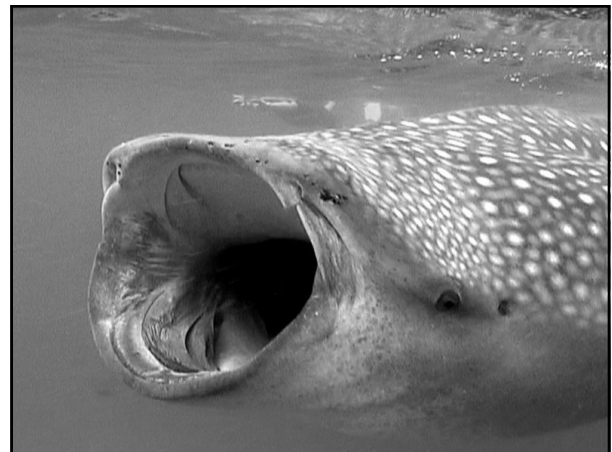
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● **Have Guts**

● **But Very Stubborn**

● **Willing to Resist God till Death**

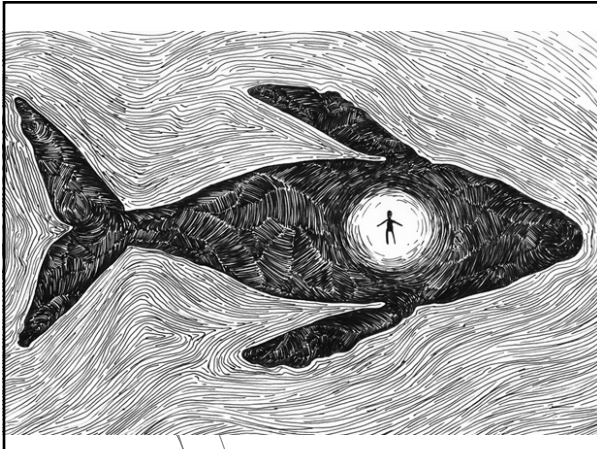


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- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, whoⁱⁱ have been called according to his purpose. **(Romans 8:28)**

- ³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."
- ³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
- **(Matthew 12:38-40)**

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