

The Rest of the Story

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Three Lessons From Jonah Chapter Four

JONAH 4:1,2 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."

JONAH 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

I. GET REAL WITH GOD

JONAH 4:3-8 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" 5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

PROVERBS 18:1 (NASB) He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

II. DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST GOD

ACTS 26:14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

II CHRONICLES 13:12 (NLT) So you see, God is with us. He is our leader. His priests blow their trumpets and lead us into battle against you. O people of Israel, do not fight against the LORD, the God of your ancestors, for you will not succeed!"

JONAH 4:9,10 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night."

III. GOD'S HEART IS FOR PEOPLE

JONAH 4:11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Quotes:

Charles Spurgeon - *If, dear friends, like Jonah, you want to complain, you will soon have something to complain of. People who are resolved to fret, generally make for themselves causes for fretfulness.*

J. Vernon McGee - *We are to take the Gospel to every creature because He loves them. If we go in obedience to Him, He will give us His heart of love for those to whom we minister.*

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 1st – Men's Night BBQ 6:30pm at the church

September 6th – Europe mission trip application deadline

September 13th – Life groups begin (base-camp roll-out)

September 15th – Women's Night at the McInroy's 7pm

September 25th & 26th – Parenting Workshop Fri & Sat