

God Gets the
Last Word
Jonah 4

JONAH

1) What's the problem with Jonah?

- For all of Jonah's _____ about God, he still doesn't share God's _____ for the world.

2) Jonah's response to not getting his way:

- "O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to _____ than to live." (4:3)
→ "Self-pity is _____"
~ Oswald Chambers

3) What does God do to try and reach Jonah's heart?

- He creates an object lesson to get to Jonah through the _____
→ "God _____ a vine" (v6)
→ "God _____ a worm" (v7)
→ "God _____ a wind" (v8)

4) What does God's "concern" (v11) literally mean?

- "He takes action with _____ flowing down the cheeks."
→ "Here God takes upon Himself the evil of Nineveh. He bears the weight of its sin. God chooses to suffer in place of Nineveh. His tears flow instead of theirs. Someday He may even choose to die for Nineveh." ~ James Bruckner

Finding our place in the Story...

The Book of Jonah is the story of God inviting anyone and everyone into His family – whether we're a spiritually ignorant sailor, a morally messed-up Ninevite, or a religiously self-focused Jonah...

- Where do you find yourself in the Jonah story? If you had to identify yourself with one of these 3 camps: 'the spiritually ignorant', 'the morally messed up', or 'the religiously self-focused' – which camp are you in?

→ Spiritually ignorant: as you turn your life over to Christ and embark on a journey of following Him – He will lead you into all truth and give you new life – life that begins now and lasts forever.

→ Morally messed-up: As you repent, call out to Jesus, and turn your life over to God – then no matter how bad your past – He will forgive you and give you a brand new start – remaking you into the person He created you to be.

→ Religiously self-focused: As you confess this sin – God will begin to download to you His heart for the lost – so that you will long to do whatever it takes to join Him in reaching out to those in your world who need Him.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!"

~ Romans 10:13