

RUNNING FROM GOD

Resentment

Message 5

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► Outline

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry.

Jonah 4:1 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Jonah 4:1. C/R: Jonah 3:10)

B. Resentment results from...

(Jonah 4:1-11)

1. Disagreement with _____.

(Jonah 4:1-4. C/R: Daniel 4:35; Romans 9:20; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4)

2. Determination to _____.

(Jonah 4:5-8. C/R: 1 Corinthians 10:24; Philippians 2:3-4,20-21; James 1:7-8)

3. Disdain for _____.

(Jonah 4:9-11. C/R: Matthew 5:44; Colossians 3:13; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:20-21)

Answers: 1. God 2. selfishness 3. others

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Name two people (living) you'd love to follow around for a few days and why.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Jonah 4](#).

1. Why did God change His mind and not destroy Nineveh (refer to [Jonah 3:10](#))?
2. How did Jonah respond? Why?
3. What words would you use to describe Jonah?
4. Have you ever disagreed with God? Explain.
5. Instead of being resentful, what other ways could Jonah have responded? Can you relate with Jonah?
6. How can our disappointments and disagreements with God draw us closer to Him?
7. How does the Lord use the plant as an object lesson for Jonah?
8. What does this passage teach about God?
9. What steps can you take to grow in your love for others?

Digging Deeper

What parallels can you discern between the actions and attitudes of the characters in the book of Jonah (including God), and the actions and attitudes of the characters in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son ([Luke 15:11-32](#))? In what ways are you challenged by both stories?

Spiritual Practice

Here's a simple process to help you draw closer to God. You might also use this as you help your children and friends hear God.

1. Find a quiet place and spend a few minutes in silence to clear your mind.
2. When you sense stillness, tell God you want to hear Him.
3. Slowly read and meditate on a passage of Scripture. What words or phrases stand out to you? (You can use the Memory Verse, Daily Readings or any passage.)
4. Ask God what He wants to say to you and allow time for Him to put thoughts in your mind.
5. God desires to talk with you all day long. So as you leave this quiet time with God, ask Him to speak to you throughout the day.

Recommended Resource: *Hearing God in Conversation*, Samuel C. Williamson

Memory Verse

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

[1 Thessalonians 2:4 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Daniel 4:34-35](#)

Day 4: [1 Thessalonians 2:1-6](#)

Day 2: [Philippians 2:1-4](#)

Day 5: [2 Peter 3:3-9](#)

Day 3: [Romans 9:16-21](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, February 21, we'll begin a new series called *iAM: Discovering My True Identity*. To prepare for the first message, read [Philippians 2:6-8](#).



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