

Deadly Anger & God's Appointed Work

Jonah 4:4-8

January 29-30, 2022

- Last Week: Jonah 4:1-4 The Gracious, Questioning God & The Very Angry Prophet

Comfort & Our Emotions

1. Our Emotions Can Drive Us To Uncomfortable Places (**Jonah 4:5; Proverbs 18:1**)
 - Exiting East Biblically Is A Bad Direction To Go (**Genesis 3:24; 4:16; 13:11; Jonah 4:8**)
2. When We Seek Our Own Comfort Our Responses Are Increasingly Moody (**Jonah 4:6-8**)
3. Our Emotions Matter To God Because Where We Go & What We Are Seeking Matter To God (**Jonah 4:4, 9**; Notice the 'city' focus in **Jonah 4:5**)

God's Work In Our Comfort/Discomfort

1. God Uses The Things Of Life To Bring Us Comfort & Discomfort (**Jonah 4:5-8**)
2. A Theology of Things: God Uses Things To Reveal Our Own State Of Heart (**Jonah 4:5-8**)
3. Things Remind Us Of God's Goodness (Feast Of Booths- **Leviticus 23:33-44, 42-43**)
4. Things Remind Us That We Are Not God: After The Vine Comes The Worm (**Jonah 4:7-8**)
5. We Are Slow To Pivot Our Plans & Find Our Comfort In God (**Jonah 4:6-7,8**)

An Uncomfortable Appointment With God

1. God Appointed Many Things So You Can Have An Appointment With Him (**Jonah 1:17, 4:6,7,8;)**)
2. Jonah Still Does Not See Clearly—Nothing Has Changed (**Jonah 4:3-4,8-9**) ... Yet ...
 - Jonah Made A Dwelling In Hope Of Judgement; Jesus Dwelt With Us To Take The Judgement We Deserved (**Jonah 4:5; John 1:14; Acts 2:23**)
3. God Will Sometimes Take The Things That Bring Us Joy To Bring Us Back To Him
 - רַח (Rah) - Evil, Discomfort, Displeasing (**Jonah 4:6**)
4. God Is Seeking To Confront The Evil In Our Hearts Not Merely The Evil In Our Circumstances (**Jonah 4:6-7**)

*Our Anger Is Deadly
And The Only Antidote Is Jesus Who, Not Only Became Uncomfortable For Us,
But Died To Absorb The Anger We Deserve*

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. How is God speaking to you through Jonah?
2. Look at how increasingly moody Jonah is in chapter 4. What are the reasons you see in the text that reveal why Jonah is so moody (extremely happy, extremely sad)?
3. How does God add and remove comforts in Jonah's life? How does God use comfort and discomfort in our lives?
4. In Jonah God appoints multiple things. What are examples of divine appointments God has done in your life?
5. How do Jonah (Especially in Jonah 4) and Jesus contrast? Why is this good news?