



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **WILL THE REAL JONAH PLEASE STAND UP**
Series: **Jonah: Lessons From a Man Who Ran from God**
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WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM JONAH?

1. A _____ HEART WILL LEAD YOU TO UNRIGHTEOUS ANGER!

But Jonah was **greatly displeased** and **became angry**. 2 He prayed to the Lord, “O Lord, **is this not what I said** when I was still at home? **That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish.** (Jon. 4:1-2)

This **change of plans** greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. (Jon. 4:1) NLT

James says, “**a double minded man, unstable in all he does**” (1:8)

_____ - A strong feeling of displeasure aroused by a wrong, whether real or perceived. Anger is a God-given powerful emotion with intensity that ranges from being frustrated to severe fury. It can last from a few seconds to a lifetime. Anger itself is not a sin. What **we do in our anger** determines whether we sin.

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. (Eph 4:26–27).

2. GOD IS SLOW TO _____ AND ABOUNDING IN LOVE!

I knew that **you are a gracious and compassionate** God, **slow to anger and abounding in love**, a God **who relents** from sending calamity. 3 Now, O Lord, take away my life, for **it is better for me to die** than to live.” (Jon 4:2–3).

- The central expression of _____ in the Old Testament. (Exodus 34:6-7)
- Jonah received much _____ from God personally throughout his life.
- Jonah was unwilling to _____ this grace to the Nivevites.

(Elijah) came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. **“I have had enough, Lord,”** he said. **“Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”**⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. (1 Ki 19:4–5).

3. SOMETIMES OUR ANGER TOWARDS GOD IS _____

4 But the Lord replied, **“Have you any right to be angry?”** (Jon 4:4).

God likes to **ask us questions** because **they _____ our hearts.** It also puts us on proper ground before God, because He has every right to question us and we owe Him answers.

- Where are you? Who told you that you were naked? What is this you have done? (Genesis 3:9-13)
- Where is Abel your brother? What have you done? (Genesis 4)
- Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? (2 Samuel 12:9)
- Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? (Isaiah 6:8)
- Who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)
- What do you want Me to do for you? (Matthew 20:32)

GOD GIVES JONAH AN _____ LESSON!

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and **waited to see what would happen to the city.** 6 Then the **Lord God provided a vine and made it grow** up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. 7 But at dawn the next day **God provided a worm, which chewed the vine** so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, **“It would be better for me to die than to live.”** (Jon 4:5–8).

But God said to Jonah, **“Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?”**

“I do,” he said. **“I am angry enough to die.”** (Jon 4:9).

THE _____ LESSON OF JONAH!

But the Lord said, **“You have been concerned about this vine,** though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. **Should I not be concerned about that great city?”** (Jon 4:10–11).