

We tend to make our decisions based on our feelings.

Therefore, if we don't like what we see, we tend to complain or quit.

Jonah 4:1-11 – This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.” The LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry about this?” Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city. And the LORD God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah’s head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant. But God also arranged for a worm! The next morning at dawn the worm ate through the stem of the plant so that it withered away. And as the sun grew hot, God arranged for a scorching east wind to blow on Jonah. The sun beat down on his head until he grew faint and wished to die. “Death is certainly better than living like this!” he exclaimed. Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry because the plant died?” “Yes,” Jonah retorted, “even angry enough to die!” Then the LORD said, “You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn’t I feel sorry for such a great city?”

1. We know God’s character more than God’s compassion.
2. We see the sin of others more than our own sin.
3. We desire comfort more than commitment.

"IT'S TIME TO TRUST"

Final Thoughts:

1. Jesus relentlessly **pursues** sinners in need of mercy.
2. Jesus joyfully **went to the cross** for the sake of His enemies.
3. All people, from every nation, can be **eternally saved** from God's judgment.

Coming Soon:

1. **Night of Worship and Prayer:** Mark your calendars for this Friday, February 2nd 6:30pm-7:30pm as we conclude 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting with a special time of prayer and worship.
2. **"It's Not You; It's Me":** Life is all about relationships. What does it take to have relationships that are healthy and godly? Join us next week as we kick off this new sermon series.
3. **Married Night Out:** If you're married or engaged, we would love to have you join us for a Married Night Out event on Friday, February 16th 6pm-9pm. Join us for dinner, fun, and a message from a special guest on how to have healthy relationships that last a lifetime. Sign up at the Connect Center.
4. **Connect Class:** If you are interested in becoming a member of Dan River Church (or finding out more about it), join us on Sunday, February 25 for our next Connect Class. You can sign up today at the Connect Center.