

Rejecting Revival Series

Part 3: Why Stay?

Jonah 4:8 (KJV)

Scripture

“And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.”

I. The Pressure of God’s Providence (v.8)

- God prepared the wind
- God allowed the heat
- God exposed Jonah’s heart through pressure

Notes:

II. The Conflict Within

- Obedience outwardly
- Resistance inwardly
- Task completed, heart unchanged

Notes:

III. The Question: Why Stay?

- The message was delivered
- The people responded
- Yet Jonah remained

Truth: God may be doing more **in you** than through you.

Notes:

IV. The Fear of Full Surrender

- Fear of God changing direction
- Fear of loving who he didn't want to love
- Fear of losing control of life

Notes:

V. The Mission Field Before Him

- A repentant people
- A wide-open door
- A need for continued ministry

Reality: Seeing the need does not guarantee surrender.

Notes:

VI. The Danger of Partial Surrender

- “I’ll obey—but only this far”
- “I’ll go—but not stay”
- “I’ll serve—but not sacrifice”

Truth: Partial surrender is still resistance.

Notes:

Key Principles

- God uses pressure to reveal resistance
- Obedience is more than completing a task
- Calling often follows exposure
- Comfort can compete with surrender

Notes:

Closing Challenge

Am I staying where God wants me—
or resisting what God is calling me into?

Personal Reflection:

Key Statement

God doesn't just call us to deliver a message—
He calls us to surrender our life.