

LIVING OUT MY LIFE MISSION (part 4)

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Overview

Chapter 1: Jonah rebelling & running from God

Chapter 2: Jonah repenting & running back to God.

Chapter 3: Jonah restarting & running with God.

Chapter 4: Jonah regretting & resenting God.

FIVE MISTAKES THAT MADE JONAH MISERABLE

(These make us miserable too)

1. Jonah thought he could ignore his mission. He ran from God.
2. Jonah was prejudiced against people God created & loved.
3. Jonah cared more about his politics than people's salvation.
4. Jonah was only interested in his nation, not God's world.
5. Jonah reluctantly fulfilled his mission. He did it with a bad attitude.

TWO MORE MISTAKES JONAH MADE

1. Resenting God's _____.

When God saw that the people of Nineveh had put a stop to their evil ways, he had mercy on them, and he cancelled the destruction he had threatened. This change of plans upset Jonah and he became furious. So Jonah complained to the Lord about it..."It is better for me to die than live." Jonah 3:10-4:3

- Four signs you are resenting God

_____ "This change of plans upset Jonah"

_____ "He became furious"

_____ "He complained to the Lord"

_____ "It is better for me to die"

2. Resenting God's _____.

Then Jonah complained, "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 gracious and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. I knew how easily you could cancel your plans for destroying these people." Jonah 4:2 (NLT)

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO AS WE HOPED

1. Remember God _____.

Then God asked Jonah: "What right do you have to be angry over what I've done?" Jonah 4:4

Then Jonah left the city and found a place east of the city to sit down. There he made a temporary shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city. Jonah 4:5

2. Remember God _____.

Then God arranged for a broad leafed plant to spring up quickly and provide shade for Jonah from the hot sun and to relieve his discomfort. This made Jonah very happy and comfortable! Jonah 4:6

3. Remember God _____.

But at dawn the next day God arranged for a small worm to chew through the stem of that large shade plant so that it withered and died! Then when the sun rose, God arranged a scorching east wind and the sun blazed so hot on Jonah's head that he grew faint. He wanted to die and said again, "It would be better for me to die than to live!" Jonah 4:7-8

Then God asked Jonah again, "What right do you have to be angry that the shade plant withered and died?" Jonah said, "I have every right to be angry and I'm angry enough to die." Jonah 4:9

4. Remember to _____.

Then the Lord said, "Jonah, you are more concerned about a plant that died even though you didn't plant it, water it, or make it grow. And plants are short-lived. They spring up quickly then die. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people who don't know their right hand from their left, not to mention all the animals. Should I not be concerned about that great city?" Jonah 4:10-11