

**The Jonah Syndrome: Being a “Fishy” Follower of Jesus
Are You Out of Your Mind?: “Will You Love This City?”
Jonah 4:1-11 (page 645)**

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Like Jonah...

We want to c o n t r o l God rather than know God (4:1-4)

- We can become more committed to our own c o n c e p t s of God and h o w He should *act* than we are to G o d Himself (v 2; Ex 34:6-7)
- We get a n g r y when things don't go o u r way (v 1, 3)
- God calls us to e x a m i n e ourselves (v 4; 2 Cor 13:5; Rom 12:17-21)

We prefer personal c o m f o r t over people c o n n e c t i n g with Jesus (4:5)

- We become s p e c t a t o r s instead of p a r t i c i p a n t s in what God is *doing* in the world.
- **Note:** Jonah = s a t and w a i t e d
Jesus = g o and m a k e *disciples*

We like God's b l e s s i n g when it is in our f a v o r (4:6-8)

- We should e n j o y God's blessings and l e a r n from His discipline (vs 6-8)
- Even though we give up on God, He is n o t w i l l i n g to give up on us.

We f o r g e t that we are no d i f f e r e n t than those God wants to r e a c h (4:9-11)

- God wants to e x p o s e our d i s t o r t e d priorities and affections.
- God wants us to learn to v a l u e what He values – p e o p l e!

Getting to MINISTRY at the NEXT LEVEL....

- √ What are the “shady plants” in my life that *keep me from getting involved* in God's work in the world?
- √ What am I willing to *give up for the sake of others* knowing Jesus?
- √ Who is ONE person in my life that God wants me to love on, pray for and point to Jesus?