

Jonah

When Your Emotions Are Out of Control



Message Summary

It's easy to celebrate God's blessings when they happen on your terms. But what about when He doesn't respond the way you think He should? When we have a bad attitude, it damages our relationships with God and the people in our lives.

Key Scripture

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Jonah 4:9-11 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Jonah 3:1 NIV
- Jonah 3:10 NIV
- Jonah 4:1-3 NIV
- Jonah 4:5-8 NIV
- Jonah 4:9-11 NIV
- Matthew 12:41 NIV

Resources

Level Up Your Understanding of the Bible

Get access to helpful Bible study resources: www.life.church/biblestudy

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What was God showing you last week? What did you do about it?
- What is one of your pet peeves—a small thing that makes you mad?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What has been your biggest takeaway from the *Jonah* message series?
- Read **Jonah 4:9-11**. Where might you be tempted to choose your own will in your life, and how could you trust God instead?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you experienced a time when you chose to skip God's lessons and go straight for His blessings? What opportunities do we miss when we ignore God's lessons?
- Where might God be giving you another chance? What choice will you make in response?

Start Praying

Lord, thank You for always giving us second chances. We trust Your will and Your plan, even when it's different from what we want. Please help us to keep our emotions under control so that we can love You and others well. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Pay attention to where God is giving you second chances this week. Talk about what you learn with your LifeGroup.
- Start the Bible Plan *Everyone Gets a Second Chance: Wisdom From the Story of Jonah* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/jonah
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.