

## Jonah Week 5: Heartless Prophet

### Jonah 4

**Question:** What would happen in Living Hope if God moved in a mighty way?

1. **Jonah's Objection:** His complaint of God's mercy revealed his callous heart. (4:1-3)
  - a. "I Said" (4:2)
    - i. Nineveh deserved judgment
    - ii. He was the wrong man for the job.
  - b. "I Fled" (4:2)
  - c. "I knew (4:2)
  - d. Take away my life (4:3)

2. **God's object lesson:** the plant reveals Jonah's divided heart (Jonah 4:4-9)

- The wait (Jonah 4:5)
- The weed (Jonah 4:6)
- The worm (Jonah 4:7)
- The wind (Jonah 4:8)
- The word (Jonah 4:9)

<sup>9</sup> 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."

"God likes to ask us questions because they reveal our heart."

3. **God's objective:** God's forgiveness reveals a loving heart (Jonah 4:10)

Jonah 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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?"

Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

'There's no way we will ever have a heart for lost people, if we forget that we were once lost also.'

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