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## Jonah - When You Don't Like God's Plan (Part 1)

- 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

### 5 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 and 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, but with a bad attitude.

### 2 Additional Mistakes: They both involve RESENTMENT:

#### Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 2 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

*But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.*

#### 1. Resenting God's plan when it doesn't fit MY plan.

a. **Frustration:** ... *it displeased Jonah exceedingly...*

b. **Anger:** ... *he was angry.*

c. **Self-pity:** ... *he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country?"*

### **Jonah 4: 5 (ESV)**

*Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”*

- d. Depression:** ... *O LORD, please take my life from me...*
- e. Despondency:** ... *it is better for me to die than to live.*

### **Matthew 6: 14 & 15 (ESV)**

*For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

#### **3 Reasons why I must forgive others:**

- 1. I've been forgiven for my past wrongs.**
- 2. Unforgiveness makes me miserable.**
- 3. I'll need forgiveness in the future.**

- 2. Resenting God's mercy to others.**

### **Jonah 4: 2 (ESV)**

*And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.*