



Week 4: The Pouty Prophet

Scripture: Jonah 4

“But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.” (4:1)

- “greatly displeased” - *yâra* = _____ or wrong
- “angry” - *hara* - incensed, to burn with fire, to be very angry

We find Jonah living smack dab in the middle of a great _____.

We have to _____.

“Then the Lord God provided...” (v6-8)

- “provided” - *mānâ* = it indicates not only the _____ of the Creator at work but also the _____ of creation.
- _____
- _____
- _____

Jonah is not _____ about all this. Are you content?

Become a person that not only begs for the vine, but pray that you can become a spiritually _____ person that _____ God to send a worm, because He’s _____ Christ in you.

Life is about _____. And you encounter it when you walk out your front door.

Start talking.

- When you were a kid, how did you usually express your anger or react when you didn't get your way?

Start thinking.

- What was the main reason for Jonah's anger? With whom was he angry? Why did he run from God the first time he was told to go to Nineveh? What does Jonah believe about God? (v3) Do you think Jonah really wanted to die? Why or why not?
- What three things did God provide Jonah? (vv 6-8) Did Jonah have a right to be angry about God sparing Nineveh? When have you experienced anger towards God? How can we resolve our anger towards God?
- What do the vine, worm and hot sun reveal about God? About Jonah? What lesson was God trying to teach Jonah, through the vine? What do you think God meant when He said the Ninevites couldn't tell their left hand from their right?

Start sharing.

- Share a time when you, like Jonah, became angry at God and depressed over what seemed like an unjust situation? How did you get over these feelings and how long did it take?
- What percentage of your anger comes from not getting what you want? How do you generally express your anger? How comfortable are you telling God when you are angry? Why is this important?
- Life is not about us. Only God has the right to judge others and the power to control outcomes. How was Jonah's anger related to his trying to be God, concerning Nineveh? How was he judging and trying to control the outcome? Why do you think Jonah was angry and depressed about the Ninevites repenting and turning to God?
- Like Jonah, we all want to receive God's forgiveness, but we are not always willing to give forgiveness. To whom are you unwilling to extend God's grace and forgiveness? What can result when we hold on to anger, even when it seems justified? Why do we struggle with giving forgiveness more than receiving forgiveness?
- **Start praying.** *Be bold and pray with power.*

I realize that just like Jonah, sometimes I don't obey. Or my obedience is delayed at best. Thank you for second chances to do what you call me to do. God help me to follow you fully without hesitation. Help me to go where I am to sent, and to speak what I am to speak.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- What will you do to obey God's call this week to take His message to the lost? Who will you begin praying for? Ask God to reveal to you the message you are to share. Deal with any personal doubts or unbelief that would prevent you from doing your part or trusting God to do His part.