

Jonah, Lessons from a Man Who Ran

Part 3: "A Matter of Concern"

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Jonah 3 and 4

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A. Nineveh Repents: Jonah 3

B. Jonah's Response: Jonah 4:1-3

1. Anger and disappointment because the Ninevites did not get the punishment he felt they deserved.
2. He became so depressed he wanted to die.

C. God's Object Lesson for Jonah: Jonah 4:4-11

1. The plant and the worm.
2. Jonah forgot God had spared him when he was disobedient, and that God wanted to do the same for the Ninevites.
3. Jonah was concerned about his own comfort, but God was concerned about showing love and compassion to other people.

D. Do Your Concerns match God's Concerns?

God is concerned about this generation.
What are you concerned about?

Jonah's theology was correct, but in the moment when it mattered, he went with what concerned himself, and not God.