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Jonah: Grace that is greater ~4 How anger holds us back Jonah 4:1-11

'But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.' Jonah 4:1 NIV

'If you cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city without walls, open to attack.' Proverbs 25:28 TEV

1. Anger makes us _____.

'He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."' Jonah 4:2-3 NIV

'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'
Luke 23:34 NIV

'For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.' Matthew 6:14-15 NIV

2. Anger makes us _____.

'But the Lord replied, "Have you any right to be angry?" Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.' Jonah 4:4-5 NIV

'Then the Lord God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.' Jonah 4:6 NIV

'But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."'
Jonah 4:7-8 NIV

3. Anger makes us _____.

'But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."' Jonah 4:9 NIV

'But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"'
Jonah 4:10-11 NIV



1. When you were a child, how did you usually express your anger or react when you didn't get your way?
2. Read Jonah 4:1-11. What was the main reason for Jonah's anger?

- With whom was he angry?
 - How did Jonah handle his anger?
 - 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?
 - How would you describe Jonah's behaviour?
3. What three things did God provide Jonah? (v6-8)
 - Did Jonah have a right to be angry about God sparing Nineveh?
 - When have you experienced anger towards God? How did this affect your outlook?
 - How can we resolve our anger towards God?
 4. What do the vine, worm and hot sun reveal about God? About Jonah?
 - Did Jonah have a right to be angry about the vine?
 - What lesson was God trying to teach Jonah, through the vine?
 5. How has God been challenging you through the study of Jonah? Which week's message has made the biggest impact and why?
 - Which do you think was Jonah's biggest problem: anger, pride, selfishness, depression, prejudice, or something else?
 - Which of these issues do you struggle with personally?
 - About what situations do you sometimes find yourself angry at God?
 - What does this story reveal about God? His ways?
 6. Life is not about us. Only God has the right to judge others (or a nation) and the power to control outcomes. How was Jonah's anger related to his trying to be God concerning Nineveh?
 - Why do you think Jonah was angry and depressed about the Ninevites repenting and turning to God?
 - How would you have felt in Jonah's situation?
 - If you were Jonah, what ending would you like to give this story?

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