

"Why Are You So Angry?"

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Jonah 4:1-11

BIG IDEA: I must not pout when God doesn't do things my way.

"Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious."

Jonah 4:1 (CSB)

 **God listens to Jonah. (v 1-4)**

 **God comforts Jonah. (v 5-8)**

 **God rebukes Jonah. (v 9-11)**

LIFE LESSONS FROM A RELUCTANT PROPHET

 **God is big enough to take it when we pout and complain.**

 **God has pertinent feedback when we pout and complain.**

 **God expects us to course-correct when we pout and complain.**



Lost people matter to God...they should matter to us.

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Read: Re-read Jonah 4:1-11

Think: Contemplate Jonah's pouting, and then ask yourself the following questions: *As a child, how did you respond when things didn't go your way? Do you still "pout"? Why? How else do you express anger? Why did Jonah flee from God earlier (v 2)? Why is he depressed and angry now? What is the history of relations between Israel and Assyria? Given the size of the city (v 11 & 3:3), the message to be proclaimed (3:4), and what you know about God (v 2; see Exodus 34:6-7), how would you have felt? Like Jonah? Why? What do the vine, worm, and hot sun reveal about God? About Jonah? How would you end this dangling story? Why? Compare Elijah's encounter with Baal-worship in 1 Kings 17-19 with Jonah's relation to these heathens. What peak religious experiences, depressions, provisions, and rebuke from God do they have in common with each other? With you?*

Do: Identify your "pouting place". Has God ever made you uncomfortable like He did with Jonah? How so? When have you tried to limit God's mercy to others? To yourself? To whom God is wanting you to show mercy?