

The Anger We Don't Admit

Nineveh| Week 4

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Jonah 4:1

1. _____ Reveals When
Our Will Conflicts with God's.

Jonah 4:2-3; 4:4

Jonah's problem is that God
has behaved exactly
according to His character.



Sometimes we aren't angry
because God has failed us.
We're angry because God
has chosen a direction we would not have chosen.

2. _____ Is Easier to Receive
Than to Extend.

Jonah 4:5-6; 4:7-8

God uses the plant to expose the inconsistency in Jonah's heart.

It is easy to celebrate mercy as an idea. It is much harder when
mercy has a name.

3. _____ Values People More
Than Our Comfort.

Jonah 4:9; 10-11

What if God is calling us out of our shade and into Nineveh?

Questions for Further Study

1. Have you ever struggled when God's direction was different from what you wanted or expected? What helped you trust Him?
2. Compare Jonah 4:2 with Exodus 34:6–7 and Psalm 103:8–12. What do these passages teach us about the character of God? How should knowing this shape the way we treat others?
3. The sermon asks: "Do I want God to be as merciful to others as He has been to me?" Who are the kinds of people for whom that question becomes difficult?
4. What is the difference between extending mercy and excusing someone's behavior?
5. Read Luke 15:1–10. What do the lost sheep and lost coin teach us about how God feels toward people who are far from Him?