

# Jonah: The Crisis of God's Call

## Your Anger Reveals Your Heart

### Jonah 4

**God's chosen servants get angry.**

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

**Bring your anger to God.**

*(Jonah 4:2a) He prayed to the LORD...,*

**Listen to what your anger is saying.**

*(Jonah 4:4) But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"*

***"God loves people I don't love."***

*(Jonah 4:2b) I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.*

***"Being right is more important to me than doing right."***

*(Jonah 4:3) Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."*

***"I'd rather see my enemies destroyed than see them turn to God."***

*(Jonah 4:5) 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.*

***"My comfort is worth more to me than the world's salvation."***

*(Jonah 4:9) 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."*

**What does my anger reveal about my heart?**

***"I'm exhausted."***

*(Mark 6:31) Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."*

***"I live by fear, not love."***

*(1 John 4:18) There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

*(John 14:27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

***"I have unfinished business."***

*(Matthew 5:23-24) "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

*(Ephesians 4:26b) Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.*

***"I can't admit I'm wrong because I can't be forgiven."***

*(Romans 5:20b, NJB) But however much sin increased, grace was always greater.*

**When your anger shows you your heart, God is ready to show you His grace.**