

THE LESSON OF THE WORM

The 2nd Chance: What To Do When Your Life Goes Under – Part 7

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Jonah 4:1-11

1. JONAH'S PASSION. (1)

“But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.” vs. 1 (NIV)

2. JONAH'S PRAYER. (2-3)

“So he complained to the LORD about it: ‘Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? ...I knew that you were a gracious and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. I knew how easily you could cancel your plans for destroying these people.’” vs. 2 (NLT)

“...I have loved you with an everlasting love...” Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

3. JONAH'S PROTEST. (4-5)

“The LORD replied, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about this?’ Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see if anything would happen to the city.” vs. 4-5 (NLT)

4. JONAH'S PRESERVATION. (6-8)

“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. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered.” vs. 6-7 (NIV)

5. JONAH'S POUTING. (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.’” vs. 9 (NIV)

6. JONAH'S PITY. (10-11)

“Then the LORD said, ‘You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. And a plant is only, at best, short lived. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?’” vs. 10-11 (NLT)

In my life...

- **Is the material more important than the spiritual?**

- **Is the temporal more important than the eternal?**

“For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show His great power in helping them...” II Chronicles 16:9 (LB)