

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY

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5 MISTAKES THAT MADE JONAH MISERABLE

These make us miserable too

- Jonah thought he could ignore his mission. He ran from God.
- 2. Jonah was prejudiced against people God created & loved.
- 3. Jonah cared more about his politics than people's salvation.
- 4. Jonah was only interested in his nation, not God's world.
- 5. Jonah reluctantly fulfilled his Mission, but with a bad attitude.

2 MORE MISTAKES: JONAH 4:1-11

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	"When God saw that the people had stopped doing evil things, he had pity and did not destroy them as he had planned. <u>Jonah was really upset and angry</u> . So he prayed." Jonah 3:10-4:2 (CEV)
	• "Jonah was really upset and angry." Jonah (CEV)
	• "He became furious" Jonah 4:1 (LEB)
	"He complained to the Lord" Jonah 4:2 (NLT) "Now I ask you, Lord, please kill me. For it is better for me to die than to live." Jonah 4:3 (NCV)
	• "It is better for me to die than live" Jonah 4:3 (NCV)
	• "Lord, please kill me!" Jonah 4:3 (NCV)

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"He complained to the Lord about it: 'Didn't <u>I say before I left home</u> that you would do this, Lord? <u>That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew</u> that you are a <u>merciful and compassionate</u> God, <u>slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love</u>. You are eager to turn back from destroying people." Jonah 4:2 (NLT)

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1. REMEMBER

"Then Lord replied, 'What right do you have to be?" Jonah 4:4 (CEV)

"Who are you to question my wisdom? . . . Were you there when I made the world?" Job 38:2-4 (GNT)

"Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city." Jonah 4:5 (NLT)

2. REMEMBER

"The Lord <u>God arranged</u> for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, <u>shading him</u> from the sun. <u>This eased his discomfort</u>, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant." Jonah 4:6 (NLT)

3. REMEMBER

"But then <u>God sent a worm</u>. By dawn of the next day, the worm had bored into the shade tree and it withered away. The sun came up and <u>God sent</u> a hot, blistering wind from the east. The sun beat down on Jonah's head and he started to faint. He prayed to die: 'I'm better off dead!'" Jonah 4:7-8 (MSG)

4. REMEMBER

And the Lord said, 'You are <u>so concerned</u> for that plant even though you did nothing to make it grow. It appeared one day, and <u>the next day it died</u>. Then <u>shouldn't I show concern for the great city</u> Nineveh, which has more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know right from wrong, and many animals, too?'" Jonah 4:10-11 (NCV)

"We <u>set our eyes</u> not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NCV)

[&]quot;Then God said to Jonah, '<u>Is it right</u> for you to be angry because the plant died?' 'Yes," Jonah retorted, 'even angry enough to die!"" Jonah 4:9 (MSG)