

**More Than a Fish Tale / The Uncomfortable Question**  
**Jonah 4:1-11 / May 4, 2025**  
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Jonah's abrupt ending forces us to focus on what WE learned from his story

"How do you respond when God's grace is bigger than what you are willing to extend?"

"The ultimate test of Christlike character is whether or not someone can spontaneously respond to their enemies with love." – Dallas Willard

An example from the life of Jesus – Mark 2:1-12

Jesus was always concerned about the heart. What's the state of yours?

Hardened hearts...

- Want what is "fair" over mercy (v.1-3)
  - Romans 6:23, 2 Peter 3:9
- Want what is "comfortable" over life-change (v. 5-8)
  - Philippians 2:5-11
- Want to sit in their hatred rather than move toward love (v.9-11)
  - Luke 6:27-28, 1 John 2:9-17

When you sense a resistance toward God's grace, ask yourself the following...

- Is it right for me to be angry?
- What is the source of my anger?
- Am I ready to submit my anger to the Lord?

What did you learn from Jonah?