

BOOMERS (1946-1964) TICKED OFF!

GEN X (1965-1980) BENT OUT OF SHAPE!

MILLENNIALS (1981-1996) TRIGGERED!

GEN Z (1997-2012) MAD, MAD!

GEN ALPHA (2013-2024) MALDING!

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¹BUT IT DISPLEASED JONAH EXCEEDINGLY, AND HE WAS ANGRY. ²AND HE PRAYED TO THE LORD AND SAID, "O LORD, IS NOT THIS WHAT I SAID WHEN I WAS YET IN MY COUNTRY? THAT IS WHY I MADE HASTE TO FLEE TO TARSHISH; FOR I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A GRACIOUS GOD AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE, AND RELENTING FROM DISASTER. ³THEREFORE NOW, O LORD, PLEASE TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME, FOR IT IS BETTER FOR ME TO DIE THAN TO LIVE." ⁴AND THE LORD SAID, "DO YOU DO WELL TO BE ANGRY?"

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⁵JONAH WENT OUT OF THE CITY AND SAT TO THE EAST OF THE CITY AND MADE A BOOTH FOR HIMSELF THERE. HE SAT UNDER IT IN THE SHADE, TILL HE SHOULD SEE WHAT WOULD BECOME OF THE CITY. ⁶NOW THE LORD GOD APPOINTED A PLANT AND MADE IT COME UP OVER JONAH, THAT IT MIGHT BE A SHADE OVER HIS HEAD, TO SAVE HIM FROM HIS DISCOMFORT. SO JONAH WAS EXCEEDINGLY GLAD BECAUSE OF THE PLANT. ⁷BUT WHEN DAWN CAME UP THE NEXT DAY, GOD APPOINTED A WORM THAT ATTACKED THE PLANT, SO THAT IT WITHERED. ⁸WHEN THE SUN ROSE, GOD APPOINTED A SCORCHING EAST WIND, AND THE SUN BEAT DOWN ON THE HEAD OF JONAH SO THAT HE WAS FAINT.

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AND HE ASKED THAT HE MIGHT DIE AND SAID, "IT IS BETTER FOR ME TO DIE THAN TO LIVE." ⁹BUT GOD SAID TO JONAH, "DO YOU DO WELL TO BE ANGRY FOR THE PLANT?" AND HE SAID, "YES, I DO WELL TO BE ANGRY, ANGRY ENOUGH TO DIE." ¹⁰AND THE LORD SAID, "YOU PITY THE PLANT, FOR WHICH YOU DID NOT LABOR, NOR DID YOU MAKE IT GROW, WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN A NIGHT AND PERISHED IN A NIGHT. ¹¹AND SHOULD NOT I PITY NINEVEH, THAT GREAT CITY, IN WHICH THERE ARE MORE THAN 120,000 PERSONS WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR RIGHT HAND FROM THEIR LEFT, AND ALSO MUCH CATTLE?" —JONAH 4:1-11

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I. JONAH'S RESENTMENT TOWARD GOD
(JONAH 4:4)

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"ANGER IS A DECEPTIVE AND
DESTRUCTIVE HUMAN EMOTION."


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"THE HEART IS LIKE A GARDEN. IT CAN GROW
COMPASSION OR FEAR, RESENTMENT OR LOVE.
WHAT SEEDS WILL YOU PLANT THERE?"

—JACK KORNFIELD

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RESENTMENT DOES MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES:
• ROBS US OF PEACE

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“JONAH KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO OBEY GOD, BUT HE HAD NO JOY IN THAT OBEDIENCE. THERE ARE CHRISTIANS LIKE HE WAS, THOSE WHO OBEY OUT OF SHEER NECESSITY (DUTY) BUT WITHOUT ANY JOY OR PEACE. IN HIS ANGER, JONAH WAS TOTALLY BLAMING GOD. BUT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT WITH GOD; IT WAS WITH JONAH.”

—O.S. HAWKINS

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RESENTMENT DOES MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES:

- DEPLETES OUR ENERGY

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RESENTMENT DOES MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES:

- FUELS DEPRESSION

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RESENTMENT DOES MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES:

- DISTORTS OUR PERSPECTIVE

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“ALMOST EVERY SINFUL ACTION EVER COMMITTED
CAN BE TRACED BACK TO A SELFISH MOTIVE.
IT IS A TRAIT WE HATE IN OTHER PEOPLE BUT
JUSTIFY IN OURSELVES.” —STEPHEN KENDRICK

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“ABORTION AND RACISM ARE BOTH
SYMPTOMS OF A FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN ERROR. THE ERROR IS
THINKING THAT WHEN SOMEONE
STANDS IN THE WAY OF OUR
WANTS, WE CAN JUSTIFY GETTING
THAT PERSON OUT OF OUR LIVES.
ABORTION AND RACISM STEM FROM
THE SAME POISONOUS ROOT,
SELFISHNESS.” —DR. ALVEDA KING

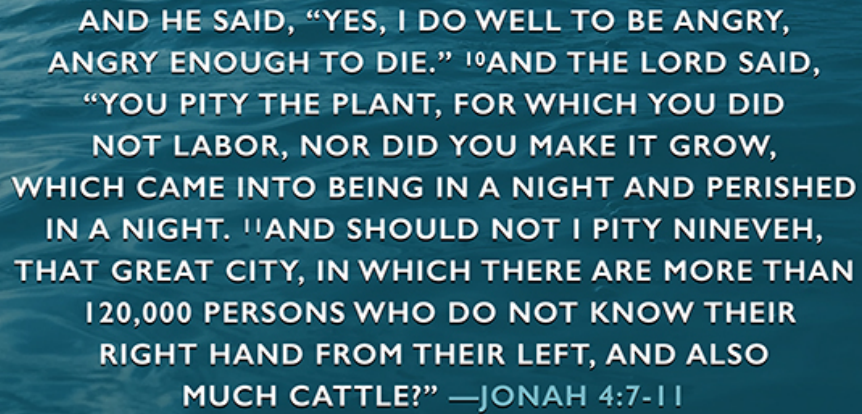
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2. GOD’S TREATMENT OF JONAH (JONAH 4:6)

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⁷BUT WHEN DAWN CAME UP THE NEXT DAY,
GOD APPOINTED A WORM THAT ATTACKED THE PLANT,
SO THAT IT WITHERED. ⁸WHEN THE SUN ROSE,
GOD APPOINTED A SCORCHING EAST WIND,
AND THE SUN BEAT DOWN ON THE HEAD OF JONAH
SO THAT HE WAS FAINT. AND HE ASKED THAT
HE MIGHT DIE AND SAID, “IT IS BETTER FOR ME TO DIE
THAN TO LIVE.” ⁹BUT GOD SAID TO JONAH,
“DO YOU DO WELL TO BE ANGRY FOR THE PLANT?”

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AND HE SAID, "YES, I DO WELL TO BE ANGRY,
ANGRY ENOUGH TO DIE." ¹⁰AND THE LORD SAID,
"YOU PITY THE PLANT, FOR WHICH YOU DID
NOT LABOR, NOR DID YOU MAKE IT GROW,
WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN A NIGHT AND PERISHED
IN A NIGHT. ¹¹AND SHOULD NOT I PITY NINEVEH,
THAT GREAT CITY, IN WHICH THERE ARE MORE THAN
120,000 PERSONS WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR
RIGHT HAND FROM THEIR LEFT, AND ALSO
MUCH CATTLE?" —JONAH 4:7-11

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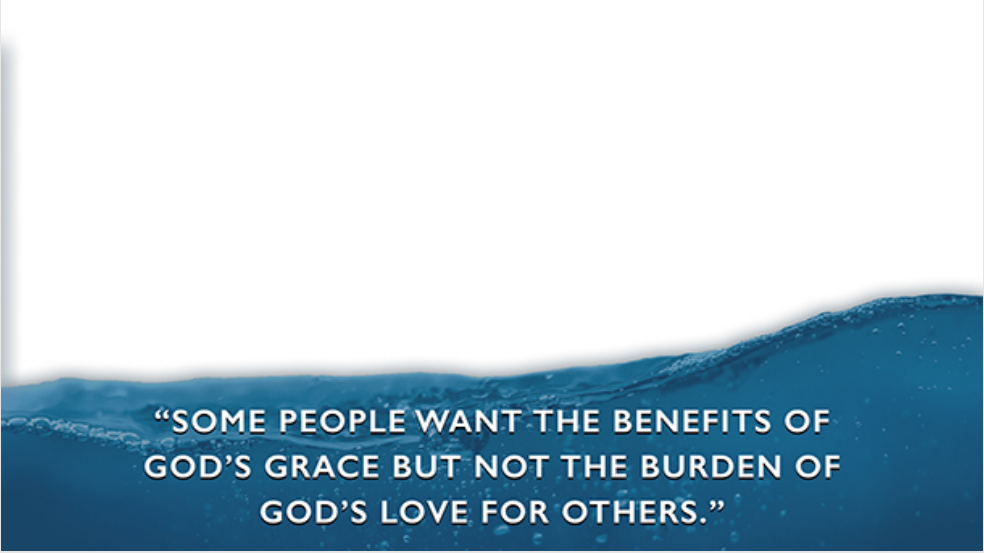
"YOUR ARMS ARE TOO SHORT
TO BOX WITH GOD!"

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3. OUR DISCONTENTMENT WITH GRACE
(JONAH 4:9)

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"SOME PEOPLE WANT THE BENEFITS OF
GOD'S GRACE BUT NOT THE BURDEN OF
GOD'S LOVE FOR OTHERS."

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“JONAH’S PROBLEM WAS SPIRITUAL MYOPIA. ALL HE COULD SEE WAS HIMSELF. ALL HE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS WHAT WAS BEST FOR HIM. JONAH WAS CONSUMED WITH JONAH. AS WE LOOK AROUND AT OUR GENERATION, THIS PROBLEM IS RAMPANT, EVEN IN THE CHURCH. HERE’S WHAT JONAH DIDN’T REALIZE: WE GET OUR NEEDS MET IN LIFE ONLY BY MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.”
—DAVID JEREMIAH

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“BIBLICAL ORTHODOXY WITHOUT COMPASSION IS SURELY THE UGLIEST THING IN THE WORLD.”
—FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

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“THE SAD THING ABOUT MAKING OUR OWN GOD IS THAT WE BECOME WHAT WE WORSHIP. JONAH WORSHIPED A NARROW GOD AND HE BECAME A LITTLE MAN, SHORT ON VISION AND COMPASSION, LONG ON JUDGMENT AND HATE. JONAH FORGOT SOMETHING WE OFTEN FORGET. HE FORGOT THAT HE NEEDED GOD AS BADLY AS THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH DID... WE MUST NOT LET OURSELVES BELIEVE THAT IT IS EASIER FOR GOD TO LOVE US THAN FOR HIM TO LOVE SOMEONE ELSE.”
—JIMMY DRAPER

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