

# God's Reluctant Missionary Notes

Jonah 1-4

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**Main Point:** Because God send us to those we'd rather avoid, we must choose compassion over comfort.

## Jonah Runs from God (vs. 1-3)

1. As a prophet of God, Jonah would have been accustomed to having the word of God \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
2. He also would have experienced times he was told to "Arise, \_\_\_\_\_..."
3. He wasn't expecting to be commissioned to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Ninevites were known for acts of terror, idolatry, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Assyrians were Israel's arch \_\_\_\_\_.
6. This background makes God's compassion stand out even more because His \_\_\_\_\_ extended even to Israel's fiercest enemies.
7. Jonah paid for passage on a ship to Tarshish and "went \_\_\_\_\_ into it."
8. This is a picture of how he went down \_\_\_\_\_.
9. He is vainly trying to get "away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."
10. To get Jonah's attention, God hurled a great wind upon the sea, which caused a whirlwind that threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship.
11. Jonah was awakened from his apathy by a pagan captain who implored the prophet to start \_\_\_\_\_.
12. After finding out Jonah was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, they became "exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_" (vs. 7-9)
13. Jonah told them to \_\_\_\_\_ him into the sea to stop the storm.
14. There's no indication the prophet prayed at all.
15. The word "appointed" means "allotted or \_\_\_\_\_."

## Jonah Returns to God (2:1-2)

1. Every line of his plea reflects sentences from the Psalms.
2. Verse 9 is the \_\_\_\_\_ point for Jonah when he prays.
3. Jonah calls out for help, and in that instant, he receives the \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord that he had been unwilling to give to the residents of Ninevah.

## Jonah Responds to God (Chapter 3)

1. Jonah is now \_\_\_\_\_ to receive God's instructions.
2. Notice how similar 3:1-2 is to the beginning of the book.
3. God's call didn't change, but Jonah \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sometimes God rewinds us back to the very place we resisted Him, giving us another opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The term “exceedingly great city” refers to its size and its \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jonah’s sermon in verse 4 is only \_\_\_\_\_ words long in Hebrew: “Yet forty days, and Ninevah shall be overthrown!”
7. He was afraid this word of warning would lead to their repentance and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Even the \_\_\_\_\_ repented and ordered everyone to “call out mightily to God,” which means to do so “earnestly and forcefully (vs. 6-9).
9. He also commanded them to turn from their evil and violent \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Jonah Resents God (4:1)**

1. Jonah’s reaction to the repentance of the Ninevites was to become \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because God didn’t do what Jonah wanted Him to do, Jonah was \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
3. It’s common for some people to be finished with God if He does something they don’t like, or if He doesn’t do something they want Him to do.
4. Jonah had an issue with the \_\_\_\_\_ and actions of God.
5. He’d rather \_\_\_\_\_ than see the Ninevites spared (vs. 3)
6. God questioned whether Jonah had a \_\_\_\_\_ to be angry about this (vs. 4).
7. God utilizes all the forces of \_\_\_\_\_ to get Jonah’s attention.
8. God appointed a plant for shade, a worm to attack the plant, and then a scorching wind to make him \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jonah had more passion and \_\_\_\_\_ for a plant than for people made in the image of God.
10. We often value our own comfort over the \_\_\_\_\_ of millions of lost people who need to hear about God’s judgment and His mercy through Jesus Christ.
11. Jonah knew the Bible in his head, but he lacked God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for lost people.

### **Actions Steps**

1. Repent, believe, and receive the gospel.
2. If you’re saved, but not surrendered, it’s time to return to God.
3. Confess any smug prejudice you may have toward anyone.
4. Obey God’s word promptly.
5. Light up your neighborhood on October 31.