

JONAH

“A Whale of a Tale or a Tail of a Whale”

Lesson 7 – Warts and All JONAH 4:1-11

Introduction:

Jonah could have ended this story at the end of Chapter 3. The mighty outpouring of God’s Spirit on Ninevah. Great revival came and glory fell. But Jonah didn’t end the book here. He adds one more chapter to show us what he was really like:

**Jonah’s “wart” was a . . . spirit of
_____ .**

- I. _____ results of resentment.
Resentment affects us in damaging ways:**

A. _____ our peace

Verse – says Jonah became angry.

The word “anger” means to “_____.”

His resentment and anger had robbed him of his peace for the present time.

**Jonah had obeyed God but he had no _____
because he had no _____ .**

B. _____ our purpose.

Jonah was saying "If I can't get my way, I don't want to live."

Two times in this chapter he said, "I wish I were dead."

(_____)

C. _____ our productiveness.

Two times in Jonah 4:5 the Bible tells us Jonah "_____."

When we are filled with resentment, we lose our sense of usefulness, or mission of productiveness.

D. _____ our perspective.

Jonah found no happiness in thousands saved, but he was happy about the vine.

Earlier, he was exceedingly angry about the revival. Now he is exceedingly happy about his vine.

Do you think his perspective was off?

What is your vine?

II. _____ response to resentment.

A. _____

After Jonah acted as he did, telling God that he wished that he was dead, God patiently responded with a question:

Jonah 4:4 "Have you any right to be angry?"

There is a "little" Jonah in all of us. We too have said things and done things, as believers, that could have caused God to finish us off, but He responds to us with _____.

B. _____

God provided a vine to give shelter to Jonah and protection from the sun. He chose to use the protection of the vine to teach Jonah a valuable lesson:

Soon the vine dies, but God does not.

The very thing that you may see as your _____, your worm, may be from God's protecting hand.

C. _____

**God also responds to our resentment with
pardon.**

**Here is _____.
To think that God would come down and
reason with Jonah the way He did.**

**God says, "I have responded to you with
_____, protection, and now
with _____. Should I respond
any differently to those in Ninevah?"**

**Resentment is a _____ and is to be dealt
with as any other sin — to be _____
and be _____.**

**The story never ends without our ever knowing what
happened.**