

God Loves Jonah 4:1-11

Jonah experienced God like most of us haven't:

1. God spoke to him **directly**
2. God chased him **visibly**
3. God saved him **drastically**
4. God resent him **recklessly**

Yet, Jonah displayed unprecedented immaturity

DANGER: It doesn't matter how mightily God works in our life, we are still able to act so immaturely that it's difficult to recognize that we are a Christian.

A few thoughts about Christian immaturity:

- _____ has nothing to do with Christian maturity
Discernment, Self-awareness, and Holiness are marks of a mature Christian
- Immaturity will be a constant _____ to the Christian
- Maturity will _____ blossom in isolation

Four Warning Signs of Christian Immaturity

1. _____ at God's Work

Jonah 4:1-3 (ESV)

¹ But it **displeased** Jonah **exceedingly**, and he was **angry**. ² And 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." ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

3 Reasons We Get Angry w/God

a. We _____
We're surprised by the difference of our thinking and God's thinking

b. We won't _____
We are stubborn

c. We can't _____
We are blind to our own lack of growth

2. Ready to _____

Jonah 4:4-5 (ESV)

⁴ And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" ⁵ Jonah **went out** of the city...

3. Becomes a _____

Jonah 4:5 (ESV)

⁵ Jonah 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.**

Jonah checked out of God's mission to Nineveh and cut off connection with those God chose to work in.

4. Deflected _____

Jonah 4:9 (ESV)

⁹ But 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.**"

How God Deals w/Immature Christians

He continues to ask _____ questions

Jonah 4: 4, 9, & 11

God is so merciful that He will not leave us to our immaturity.