



Jonah 3 records the world's greatest revival. It occurred 775 years before Christ when Jonah preached in Nineveh – the capital city of the Assyrian Empire. But that revival did not thrill the heart of the preacher. Rather, it revealed his racial prejudice and disdain for the Assyrian people.

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front): *I must learn to care like God.*

It seems like Jonah always learned a valuable lesson after messing up! His experience teaches us from the times when God intervened.

1. When God Doesn't Meet Your S Jonah 3

Anger and bitterness filled Jonah's heart. He needed to learn the attributes of God through His actions, statements and names!

2. When God D His Message Home Jonah 4

God uses two techniques to bring Jonah to understand His (God's) heart for people.

- 1) He Asks Q
 - ⇒ "Doest thou well to be angry?" v. 4
 - ⇒ "Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?" v. 9
- 2) He Makes C
 - ⇒ Jonah Had Compassion on a G v. 10
 - ⇒ Jehovah Had Compassion on P v. 11

"God was saying to Jonah: 'If you became so attached to the gourd, because it served you and gratified your desires – a gourd upon which you expended no thought, no labor, no toil, no sacrifice, no care, no planting, no watering, no tending, no pruning, a gourd of short duration which grows up quickly and as hastily passes away – shall I not permit My love and pity to flow forth unstintingly to multitudes of My creatures, the work of My hands, the crown of all My creative acts, nurtured, fed, provided for by Me, those who will never go out of existence?' Was there ever such irresistible logic? And was there ever such boundless love and pity? We know not any." (Feinberg, p. 151)