

A Study of Jonah

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Day 8: Jonah 4:1-5 - What are YOU upset about?

Read 1 Peter 3:8-9. Describe how our relationships with others should be. When we are hurt or evil happens to us, what are we called to do? Why?

Read Luke 17:3-4. If a brother sins and then repents, what is our response to be?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:4-5. Is the ultimate goal punishment that Paul commands them to "deliver this man over to Satan"? Why or why not?

There was another follower of God who complained that God wasn't fair. *Read Job* 38:1-27. What things does God emphasize that He is able to do that Job isn't? Why does God drive this point home? (God continues to give Job examples like this for the next 3 chapters.)

Ladies, at the end of the day, we must realize that we cannot sit in God's chair; we are not Him, and he will show mercy to whom He shows mercy, and that He is always right and good. As you spend time with God today, consider the last time you called out to God and said "That's not fair". What was the issue? What was really being revealed in your heart as you challenged God? Was it hurt? Was it lack of trust? Was it lack of confidence in God? Ask God to help you to trust Him more. Ask Him to help you not to repay evil for evil or insult with insult but with a blessing, not because you are "better" than others, but because you know the One who is the best of all. Thank Him that He disciplines those He loves, with the goal of restoring them to Him, and ask Him to help you to persevere through all the pruning that He has in store for you as He continues to sanctify you.