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### Story of Jonah in two parts Jonah page 645

- :: Jonah was not particularly well suited for the task ::
- :: you can run but you can't hide from god ::
- :: the sweet slumber of avoidance is good for any storm ::
- :: I'm not a polytheist but I might be a touch syncretistic ::
- :: the belly of god's whale can be a desirable alternative ::

The Set UP \_\_\_\_\_

vs. 2:10 And the Lord commanded the fish,  
and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

vs. 3:1 Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim  
to it the message I give you.

### Sometimes obeying God is NOT all sunshine and rainbows – sometimes it's lonely and stinky

vs. 3:10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their  
evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the  
destruction he had threatened.

vs. 4:1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.

**When lonely and stinky – be happy with what makes God happy. Let  
a win be a win!**

### Crazy stops along the way:

- ① God had compassion – Jonah became greatly displeased and angry
- ② " ... you are a gracious and compassionate God – take my life"

### Have you the right to become angry?

1. Filtering life through the great ME rather than the great I AM

: we live for God – by His graciousness and in His service

2. Forgetting who's the provider and who's the receiver

: happiness and thankfulness are not the same thing :

3. God's plans are always good

: where are my 'missed' opportunities to share in God's  
goodness? :

9 But God said to Jonah,

**"Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"**

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

10 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine,  
though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and  
died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty  
thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many  
cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Why was Jonah more concerned about the Vine than the city of  
Nineveh?

preconceived  
self focused  
self imposed - still lonely and stinky