

"FROM ONE PIT TO ANOTHER"

Lesson for February 26, 2023
(Jonah 4:6-11)

"I'm Still Mad"

I. Prepared Things

Old Testament

Jonah 4:6-8

New Testament

II. "I'm Still Mad"

Jonah 4:9
Proverbs 14:29
Proverbs 16:32
Proverbs 18:6

II Corinthians 10:3-5
Acts 19:36

III. Prophet, Where Is Your Pity For People?

Jonah 4:10-11
Genesis 3:6-7
Psalms 61:2
Numbers 20:7-12
Joshua 24:15

I Thessalonians 5:23-23
St. Luke 4:3-9
St. Mt. 26:38-39
Hebrews 4:15

Questions to Consider

1. What do you think God's purpose was in preparing comfort for Jonah and then taking it away?
2. Why was Jonah so angry at God - and why did he ask God to let him die?
3. Why do you think that Jonah felt justified in his angry toward God?

4. Even though the Ninevites had done nothing personally to Jonah, why did he take on the offenses that others may have had against the Ninevites?
5. Discuss times that you have taken on the offenses of other people because of their anger toward someone else.
7. What is the danger of taking on offenses that don't belong to you?
8. Why do we sometimes feel justified in either being angry because of personal offenses or being angry because of the offenses of others?
9. How do you learn to live in Love and Forgiveness toward others?
10. What is the reward for being WILLINGLY OBEDIENT? (Isaiah 1:19-20)
11. Talk about "responding" versus "reacting."

SisStar Reflections

1. God always prepares for us what we need when we need it. (Philippians 4:19)
2. Learn to respond to circumstances based on the Word of God rather than to react based on your emotions.
3. Living in a place of obedience to the Word of God will cause you to have the peace of God that passes all understanding.
4. The Lord wants His children to be willing and obedient. Being obedient but not willingly so is not pleasing to God.
5. God does not want your obedience under duress. God wants you to trust Him and His Word enough that you obey with Joy.
6. We show just how much we love and trust God by how we treat His Word.
7. Even when we are disobedient to the Word, God still loves us and gives us chance after chance. Your "unwilling obedience" cannot separate you from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus - but willing obedience sure has better benefits!!!

RESPONSE OR REACTION

(RESPONSE: Based on the Word of God)

(REACTION: Based on emotions)

1. The ACTION or situation which happens;
2. The EMOTION(s) which are generated by the ACTION.
3. The RESPONSE/REACTION to the EMOTION(s). It is at this point that you must make a choice:

Choice: A) Focus Upward and allow yourself to be controlled by the Word of God, thereby receiving the Peace of Obedience (POSITIVE RESPONSE):

B) Focus Downward - and allow yourself to be controlled by your emotions thereby going into the PIT (NEGATIVE REACTION):

4. The RESULT of your choice.

WHICH WAY WILL YOU CHOOSE?