

**Text: Jonah 4:1-9**

1. When was the last time you were really mad? Who were you mad at? Did you blame someone for your anger? Did you blame God?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the insight from Pastor Tim Keller, when he writes, "God is so great that He works out a plan, a plan to work out everything for your good if you belong to Him, and for His glory, which takes into consideration your choices, and still works His plan out infallibly."
3. Read Jonah 4:1-4. Why was Jonah angry at God? Should Jonah have been mad? Why or why not?
4. Corrie Ten Boom was held in a Nazi concentration camp. She wrote, "If God had not used my sister Betsie and me to bring them to Him, they would never have heard of Him. Many died or were killed, but many died with the name of Jesus on their lips. They were well worth all our suffering. God has plans, not problems, for our lives. Was God unfair to allow Corrie to be a prisoner in such harsh conditions?"
5. Instead of praising God for the Ninevites seeking God, Jonah was so mad he wanted to die. What happened to Jonah? Can we become so disappointed and upset we think death is the only way out? Explain.
6. What should we do when we're mad at God's plan? How do we seek God, even when we're angry?
7. Read Jonah 4:5-9. Jonah was mad that God provided compassion for the Ninevites. In what ways did God provide for Jonah?
8. Did Jonah have an issue with pride? Why or why not?
9. Has your pride every gotten in the way of the comfort and compassion God is repeatedly trying to give to you? Explain.
10. Why is anger a veil that keeps us from seeing clearly the hand of God, even when and especially when we don't see the big picture?
11. What would you tell someone who's mad at God or angry at life?