

JONAH

“Encountering a Compassionate God”

Jonah 4:1-11

Heart of this message:

Encountering our compassionate God changes us forever . . .

Obstacles to a compassionate heart:

1st Obstacle: When we allow ourselves to

be _____ - _____, v.1-3

2nd Obstacle: When we allow ourselves to

live only for our own _____, v.5-8

3rd Obstacle: When we allow

_____ in our lives, v. 10-11

About Jonah

1. Who was Jonah?
 - From Galilee region of Israel
 - Prophet during King Jeroboam II's reign in Northern Israel (2 Kings 14:25)
2. How is Jonah described?
 - Self-willed (Jonah 1:1-3)
 - Godly (1:9)
 - Courageous (1:12)
 - Prayerful (2:1-9)
 - Obeyed when punished (3:3-4)
 - Bigoted, selfish (3:4-10, 4:1)
 - Proud, overly concerned for his own reputation (4:2-3)
3. When did this story occur?
 - Around 760 BC – about 40+ years before enemy kingdom of Assyria would conquer the North
4. Where was Ninevah?
 - On the Tigris River opposite modern Mosul, Iraq
 - Capital city of enemy Assyria
 - Archaeology has yielded pottery equating it with the earliest cultural development of the area.
5. Basic outline of the book:
 - Theme is repentance
 - Chapt 1: Jonah disobeys God
 - Chapt 2: Jonah submits to God
 - Chapt 3: Jonah obeys God
 - Chapt 4: Jonah complains about it!