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JUNE 9, 2024
10 AM WORSHIP
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WELCOME TO BETHEL

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

308 Nothing But the Blood

~ PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN PRAYER CARDS AT THIS TIME ~

516 Sweet Hour of Prayer

381 Blessed Assurance

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 4

MESSAGE: "When Anger Is All You Have"

Rob Thornsby, Guest Minister

MISSIONS: OASIS OF HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

617 I'll Fly Away

PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11:25 AM

When Anger Is All You Have - Jonah 4

Opening Remarks:

1. Everyone knows the Book of Jonah to this point.
2. When Jonah paid the fare to depart from Joppa in order to run from the presence of the Lord & his duty, he did not count up all it would cost him.

I. **Jonah has some anger issues -1-4**

- A. He thought he had reason to be displeased (1)
 1. His mind exceedingly distressed & in a state of terror must justify his actions of anger.
 2. Jonah is frustrated with God that He may pardon a Gentile nation (4:2, 11).
 3. The displeasure and anger prompt a prayer from Jonah.
- B. He has a reflective moment, a conversation with God (2).
 1. Jonah evidently did not think the people of Nineveh deserved forgiveness.
 2. Jonah knew God's tendencies: He is **gracious, compassionate, slow to anger**, abundant in **loving-kindness**, one who **relents concerning calamity**
- C. It appears Jonah would rather die than see other sinners come to saving faith - (3).
- D. The Lord responds, demonstrating His grace & mercy (4).

II. **Jonah non-verbally responds to God's question - 5-8**

- A. Jonah runs from God again (5).
 1. Is he running away from the problem, thinking it will go away?
 2. Is he removing himself from the situation to meditate and consider all that is happening?
- B. God is about to gauge Jonah's spiritual temperature (6-8)
 1. The plant (6)
 2. The worm (7)
 3. Scorching east wind (8)

III. **A dialogue with God and Jonah.**

- A. God's reasoning with Jonah (9)
- B. Jonah receives a lesson in the **sovereignty** of God (10)
- C. God is showing His mercy & compassion toward Jonah (11)

