

➤ **Jonah is not about the fish; Jonah is about God.**

The book of Jonah may be summarized in one word: compassion. The centrality of compassion does not become explicit until this last chapter. But that is the way a good story often unfolds. ... Often the best teaching is done by contrast. You appreciate the speed of an Olympic runner when you see him or her leave the pack behind. You see the greatness of God's compassion to the Ninevites when you set it beside Jonah's reaction. ~O. Palmer Robertson

Reflections of Ourselves in Jonah.

1. I am _____ when I do not
get my way. 4:1, 4, 9

➤ **Rebellion is abandoned against our wishes and only because the alternative is worse.**

Jonah needed Nineveh as much as Nineveh need Jonah. ~Ron Berrus

People [or circumstances] do not cause us to be the way we are; they simply reveal the way we are. ~Emerson Eggerichs

2. I am _____. 4:2

➤ **We expect god to give mercy and grace to us but don't want him to give it to others.**

➤ **No one is good enough to get God's grace, no one is entitled to it, that is why it is grace.**

By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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3. I _____ myself. 4:5

➤ **Isolating yourself is the worst way to solve a problem.**

4. I only _____ about me. 4:6-8, 11

5. I would rather _____. 4:3, 9

➤ **Where are you so focused on what God has not done for you, you forget all that He has done?**

6. I _____ to listen. 4:4, 9-11

7. I want to be _____. 4:2-3

What happened to Jonah?

➤ **Do you share your story like Jonah did?**

What has God spoken to you about? Where has He

shown you that you _____ Jonah?

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