

August 3, 2014

What grows between me and God?

1. My _____ and _____.

¹ But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ But the Lord replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"
Jonah 4:1-4 (NIV)

The remedy: _____

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV)

2. My _____.

⁵ Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.
Jonah 4:5-6 (NIV)

The remedy: _____

³¹ But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, They run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.

Isaiah 40:31 (MSG)

3. My _____.

⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."
Jonah 4:7-9 (NIV)

The remedy: _____

It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

Hebrews 12:10-11 (MSG)

4. My _____.

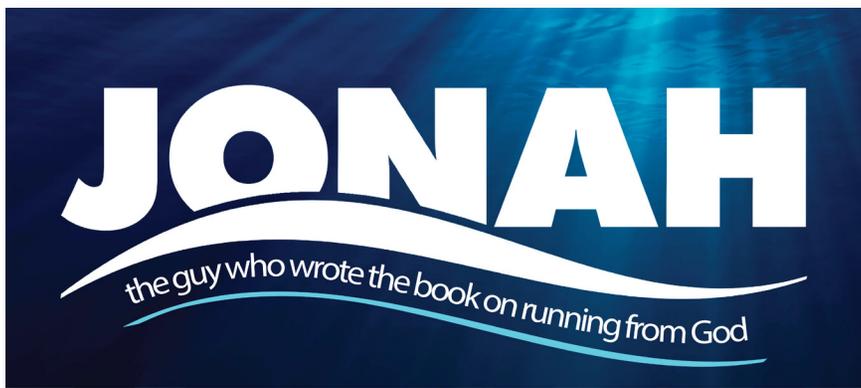
¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Jonah 4:10-11 (NIV)

The remedy: _____

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Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)



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The remedy: THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD

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The remedy: THE MIND OF GOD

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