

WHEN I COMPLAIN BITTERLY, GOD REACHES OUT

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When God does not do things the way you think he should do them, ask yourself...

- 1. Why am I so upset with what he's doing? (4:1-2a)*
- 2. What qualities of God do I need to remind myself of? (4:2b)*
- 3. Am I descending into a dark place? (4:3, 5, 8, 9)*
- 4. Do I think I deserve the good things that I receive from God? (4:6)*
- 5. Am I hearing God at all when he speaks to me? (4:4, 10-11)*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the last situation you raised a complaint about?
2. Have you ever complained because God was merciful toward a person or people you considered unworthy of his love? How do you feel about that after reading through Jonah?
3. What drives us to seek punishment for others rather than work for their blessing? Could hate be an unconscious driver for you? What about the idea of racial prejudice?
4. Has persistent complaining ever led you or someone you know to a dark and lonely place? How might we recognize this is happening and begin to turn back?
5. How did you answer the five questions of this sermon outline? What did you learn about yourself?
6. What is an important lesson God is teaching you through this series? What do you think will happen as you apply this lesson whole-heartedly in your life?