



# Grace – when right is wrong

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Kevin Davey – “Living in the Belly of the Whale”

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1: 2 **GO**

*to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it*



**Very important city**

**A visit required three days**

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3: 2 **GO** *to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you*

**Unfinished business - the commission is not rescinded**

3: 3 *Jonah obeyed ... went ... proclaimed*

*The Ninevites believed God*      **repented, revival broke out**  
*God ... had compassion*

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4: 1 *Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry ...  
" is this not what I said when I was still at home?"*

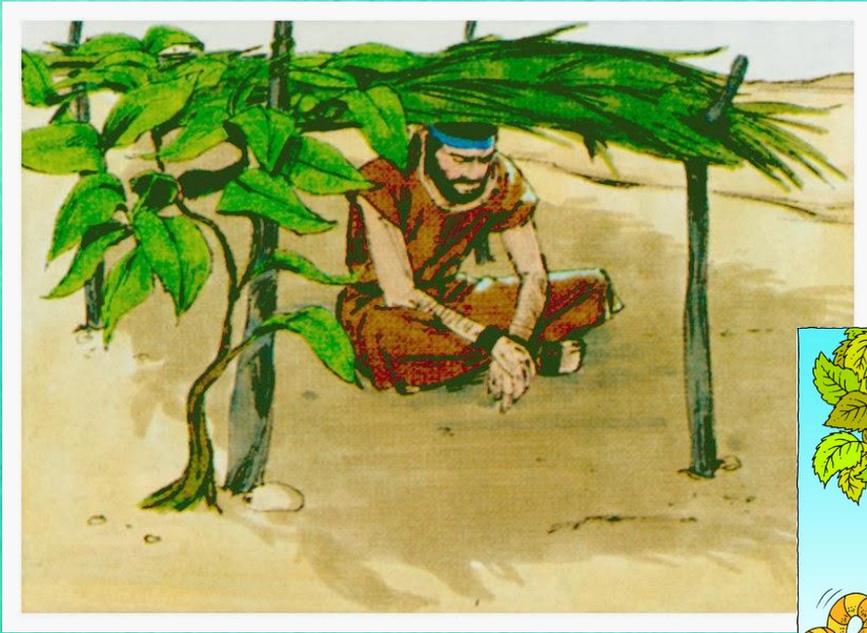
*I **knew** that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.*

4: 4 *But the Lord replied, "**Have you any right to be angry?**"*

**But Jonah had no answer**

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4: 5 *Jonah went out ... made himself a shelter ... God provided a leafy plant ... to give shade for his head and ease his discomfort ... and Jonah was very happy*



4: 8 *He wanted to die*

4: 9 *But God said, “Do you have a right to be angry about the plant?”*

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Do you have a right to be angry ?

ANGER

Paul *In your anger do not sin*

4: 10,11 *You have been concerned for this vine ...  
Should I not be concerned about the great city*

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**Do you have a right to be angry ?**



**Why was Jonah angry?  
Why was he hurt?**

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## Do you have a right to be angry ?

**Grace does not judge      it views things God's way**

Exercising our "right" exiles us from God's Grace

Phil. 2: 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

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**Do I have a right to be angry ?**

**No**

**Do I have a need to receive God's Grace  
and Comfort for the hurt?**

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