

ON THE RUN

On the Run: Jonah 4

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Wickedness, violence, prejudice and racism abound in our world today. Rebellion of all kinds is on the rise. Repentance is needed on personal, community, national and global scales. Jonah 4 has a timely message for us.

What is God's message for me today?

1. God wants me to know that He graciously responds
to genuine repentance (3:10).
2. God wants me to recognize who He is
and that He does not change (4:1-2).
3. God wants me to admit and address my ongoing struggle with rebellion,
especially the rebellion within (4:3-10).

The one thing: Jonah is "John 3:16"

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize John 3:16.
- Visit strands.blogs.efca.org for the EFCA response to racism.
- Say "yes" to the next generation here at Oakwood!
- Check out today's Family Life Open House.

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

1 KEEPING IT REAL

One of the scariest things about the prophet Jonah is that he had this racism within that only came to light when God forced him to deal with it. Can you recall a time when you were personally confronted, impacted or threatened by racism? How about a time when the racism within you was revealed?

2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

We would like to think we are immune from addressing this topic, but we are not. How do prejudice and racism attempt to enter into your life? What do these verses contribute to your worldview?

- Galatians 3:28-29
- Colossians 3:11
- Ephesians 2:11-16

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What is Peter's struggle in Acts 10:1-35; 15:1-11 & Galatians 2:11-14? How was the struggle addressed?

4 TAKING IT FURTHER

What is one practical thing you can do to positively confront this struggle, whether within you or within our community?