

When My Plans Conflict With God's

Jonah: God's Amazing Mercy, part 5

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When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. *Jonah 3:10 (NLT)*

Where our plans often conflict with God's

1. A Theological issue: The Conflict of love and justice

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the Lord about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. *Jonah 4:1-2 (NLT)*

2. A Personal issue: Remembering grace

Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen. The Lord replied, 'Is it right for you to be angry about this?'

Jonah 4:1-4 (NLT)

When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see

everything clearly.
Mark 8:23-25 (NLT)

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. *Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)*

3. A Patriotic issue: The relationship of God and country

He builds up nations, and he destroys them. He expands nations, and he abandons them. *Job 22:23 (NLT)*

'Well, then,' he said, 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.'
Matthew 22:21 (NLT)