

Family Talk – Resentment

READ TOGETHER

Jonah Chapter 4

1. Confess a time you pouted because things didn't go your way.
2. Do you complain about others who have wronged you and then sulk when they receive mercy and grace?

LIVE IT

The book of Jonah is usually a Bible favorite. It sounds like the old TV show, Gilligan's Island! But the story is much deeper than it appears. When we ask God to still our hearts and help us hear His Word, then read the short chapters, we can experience much more. When we consider how Jonah, the Ninevites and God may have felt, we can see that Jonah loves God, **but** He resents God for being merciful to his enemies, the Ninevites.

Most of us can relate to Jonah's feelings of resentment. But there's a bright side to our sulking and selfishness. God loves us so much that even when we think of ourselves better than others, whine and complain, He's not easily offended. He **continues** to love us.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

God help me confess to You when I'm bitter and resentful, so I can get over it and be like You, rich in mercy.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

