

## ***Sharing God's Concern for Humanity***

### **Jonah 4:1-11**

#### Main Point:

Resist the sin of self-centeredness so that you will share God's concern for the spiritual well-being of His creatures.

1. Like Jonah, we can all be self-centered at times.
2. When we are self-centered, our ministry for Christ suffers.
3. God is very concerned about the spiritual well-being of His creatures.
4. As His people, we should share His concern for humanity.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**James 4:1** <sup>1</sup> Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? (NKJV)

**Richard Phillips** “Jonah’s story reminds us that few believers follow an unbroken ascent from unbelief upward into gloriously victorious faith. Instead, we tend to progress with steps and halts, advances and slips.”

**James Montgomery Boice** “Jonah was not called to be a spectator, any more than Christians are called to be spectators of the world’s ills and misfortunes today. He was called to identify with those people and help them as best he could by the grace of God.”

**Sinclair Ferguson** “The truth was that Jonah seemed to care more about plants than about people.”

**Luke 15:7** <sup>7</sup> "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. (NKJV)

**Gordon Keddie** “The practical love that Christians - whether individually or as churches - show to others, as they speak and live the Word of God towards them, is the heart and soul of true evangelism.”