

# “...The Rest of the Story”

## Sermon

*Jonah 3:1-5; 4:1-3, 11*

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- 1) Why does God continue to stick with Jonah?

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

*Jonah 4:1-3*

- 2) The gentle voice of a loving and concerned father .

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds...  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*Psalms 36:5, 7*

- 3) God’s open-ended question for you.

The Lord said, “Should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

*Jonah 4:11*

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”  
Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

*Isaiah 6:8*