

# God's Purpose wasn't My Desire !



Jonah 4:1-3



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**JONAH: #09**

Lessons on Obedience

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tribal territory of Zebulun

Acre

Mount Meron

Village on a hill in Galilee

Capernaum

Safed

Sea of Galilee

Haifa

Gath-Hepher

Tiberias

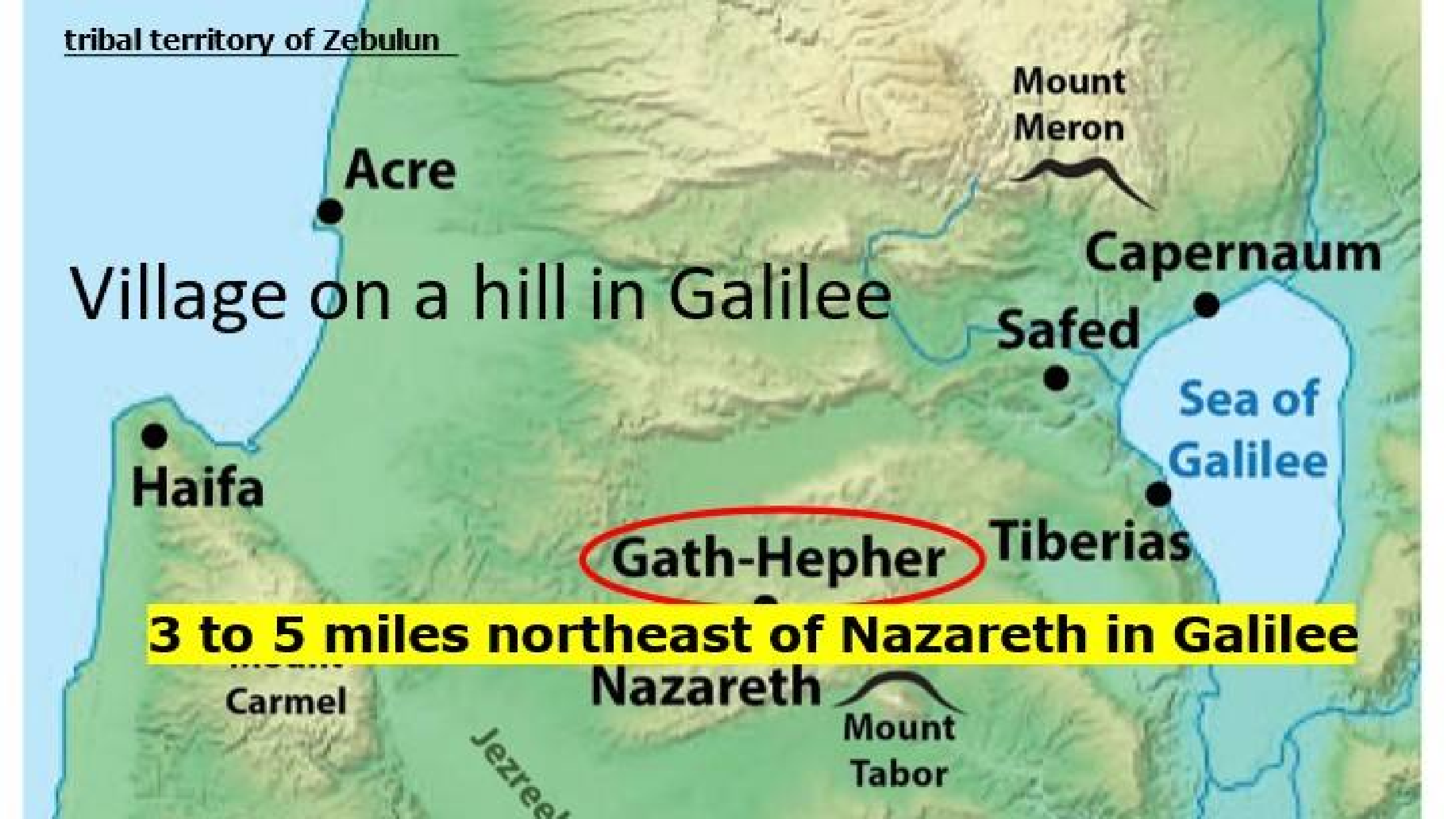
3 to 5 miles northeast of Nazareth in Galilee

Carmel

Nazareth

Mount Tabor

Jezreel



# Lessons on Obedience

**L - Living**

**I - in**

**F - Faith**

**E - Everyday**

**Life is God's Rescue**

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## Jonah informed God of these two facts:

**[1]** Nineveh deserved judgment.

**[2]** He was the wrong man for the job.

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**In Fairness, Jonah did grasp the Greatness of God's Love for a Sinning World.**

- 1** - He knew that God is "merciful" to the guilty.
- 2** - He knew that God is "compassionate" on weak humanity.
- 3** - He knew that God is "slow to become angry" even in the face of grievous sins.
- 4** - He knew that God is "rich in faithful love" on those that are unlovely.
- 5** - He knew that God is willing to "relent from sending" judgment on those that repent.

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Jonah calls this conversation a **"Prayer."**

**1- "I Said" 4:2**

**2 - "I fled" 4:2**

**3 – "I knew" 4:2**

**4 – "Take my Life" 4:3**

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THE PREACHER  
WHO DIDN'T WANT TO PREACH



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Jonah's objection:

**1. The shock at his Discontent.**

**v.1**

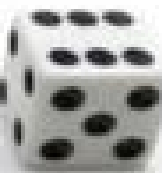
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# Jonah 4:1

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**Jonah's objection:**

**2. The selfishness in his  
Discontent. v.2**

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# Jonah 4:2

<sup>2</sup> And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore, I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

KJV

<sup>2</sup> So he prayed, "LORD, didn't I say before I left home that this is just what you would do? That's why I did my best to run away to Spain! I knew that you are a loving and merciful God, always patient, always kind, and always ready to change your mind and not punish.

(TEV)

Jonah



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**3. The slur from his Discontent.**

**v.2**

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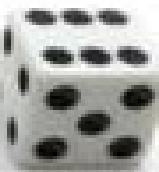
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**4. The supplication of his  
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# Jonah 4:3

<sup>3</sup> Therefore now,  
O LORD, take, I  
beseech thee,  
my life from me;  
for *it is* better for  
me to die than to  
live. **KJV**

<sup>3</sup> Now then,  
LORD, let me die.  
I am better off  
dead than alive."  
**(TEV)**

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**ONE THING WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES**

Ephesians 5:1/ 1 Corinthians 13:1-4

**ONE AM I MORE LIKE JESUS OR JONAH?**

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1. The shock at his Discontent. v.1
2. The selfishness in his Discontent. v.2
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# How To Deal With Ninevites the Right Way.

Daniel 1-6 / 2 Timothy 2:24-26 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-4 / 1 Peter 3:14-17 / Matthew 5:43-46

- - **Be a Daniel** - not a Jonah
- - **Never argue** - listen and discuss
- - **Be kind** - to EVERYONE
- - **Be prepared to instruct** - if asked
- - **Get rid of ALL resentment** - it's a spiritual cancer

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