Is It Time To Get Off The Emotional Roller Coaster?

"Defeating Disappointment"

Jonah 4:1-4

05-11-25

Introduction: Because we live in a broken world, disappointment is a normal life experience that cannot be avoided.

- 1. Sooner or later, we will face this challenge.
- 2. In many respects, dealing with disappointment is similar to anger.
- 3. As we learned last week, anger in itself is not sinful.
- 4. Disappointment works the same way, the key being our response.
- 5. This is where Jonah can really help us defeat our disappointment.
- I. The Pathway To Disappointment
 - A. Spiritual Wandering
 - B. Physical/Emotional Exhaustion
 - C. Downward Spiraling
- II. Defeating Disappointment
 - A. Perception
 - B. Providence
 - C. Provision

Conclusion: There is no escape from disappointment.

- 1. That is not the problem.
- 2. The problem is how we respond.
- 3. Disappointment can make us bitter or better.
- 4. Disappointment can make us flee or fight.
- 5. Disappointment can make us victims or victors.
- 6. Jonah did not handle his disappointment very well and we can learn from his mistakes.
- 7. To defeat disappointment, we must:
 - Adjust our perception.
 - Accept God's providence.
 - Appropriate God's provision.