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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 67

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His compassionate** love to you. **Jonah 4:2** *“He prayed to the Lord, ‘Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.’”*

The Hebrew word for **compassionate** in this passage is *verachum* which means *one who shows mercy and kindness even when not deserved*. Wow! Is that not what God’s love is for us? I’m so very grateful that I don’t get what I deserve. Instead, God is compassionate towards us and shows us mercy. When you read through the book of Jonah, you see a picture of God about to take out his wrath on the sinful people of Nineveh. He sends Jonah to warn them and tell them to repent and turn to Him. After Jonah runs in the opposite direction, God causes a storm and a meeting with a large fish or whale to get Jonah’s attention. After three days in the stomach of this creature, Jonah is spit up on the coast and given another chance to obey God. He chooses to go to Nineveh and warn them that they too need to repent and turn to God.

Our Father is so very compassionate. He certainly is the God of second chances (even third and fourth chances). He loves us so much that He continues to be patient with us and give us opportunities to turn to Him, to trust Him, to follow Him. The Psalmist puts it this way in **Psalm 145:8-9** *“The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.”* Think of how God has shown His compassion in your life. He’s always there when you need Him, and by the way, we always need Him.

Dear Father, You are so full of compassion to us. Your love flows out in pictures of mercy and compassion to all. You love us so very much that it is sometimes hard to comprehend how much You do love us. Thank You for Your compassionate love. In Jesus Name, Amen