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Jonah 4 (ESV): “But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 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...’”

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“...3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ 4 And the Lord said, ‘Do you do well to be angry?’ 5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city...”

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“...6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered...”

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“...8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’ 9 But God said to Jonah, ‘Do you do well to be angry for the plant?’...”

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“...And he said, ‘Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.’ 10 And the Lord said, ‘You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And 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?’”

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Jonah 3:10 (ESV): “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.”

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STRANGERS

ARE WORTH THE

DANGERS.

MAIN POINT



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Hebrews 13:1-2 (ESV): “Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.”

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Luke 6:35-36 (ESV): “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

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Acts 17:26-28 (ESV): “And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

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Deuteronomy 9:6 (ESV): “Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.”

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Titus 3:5-7 (ESV): “He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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Romans 1:16 (ESV): “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

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Matthew 9:36 (ESV): “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

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**Luke 7:34-35 (ESV): “The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”**

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LOVE THE

IGNORED

AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE THE

LORD.

APPLICATION

**Matthew 25:40 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you,
as you did it to one of the least of these
my brothers, you did it to me.”**

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**1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV): “May the Lord
make you increase and abound in love for
one another and for all.”**

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2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV): “The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers.”

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“If you want to do a job as kinda like a hobby, you can do a job, but otherwise, the AI and robots will provide any goods and services that you want.”

(Elon Musk, as quoted in Eric Revell’s article *Musk Predicts AI Will Create ‘Universal High Income’ and Make Saving Money Unnecessary* on [foxbusiness.com](https://www.foxbusiness.com), December 17, 2025)



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Acts 2:47 (ESV): “The Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

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Next Week: Micah 6:6-8