

Prison Break

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4 Prisons

1. _____

Jonah 4:1 (NIV) But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.

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Jonah 4:3 (NIV) Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.

3. _____

Jonah 4:2-3 (NIV) ² He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee 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. ³ Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4. _____ and _____

Isaiah 61:1 (NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners.

John 5:1-6 (NIV) ¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

God Wants to Set Me Free. . .

But I Have to _____ to Be Set Free.

How to Make a Prison Break

1. Explore the _____ Behind the _____.

Jonah 4:4 (NIV) But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

Jonah 4:9 (NIV) But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

2. Exchange What I _____ About for What God _____ About!

Jonah 4:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

February Memory Verse – Philippians 1:6 (NIV) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.