

When You're Running The Wrong Way Part IV; April 14, 2019

Jonah Chapter 4

“Stop Playing God”

What happens when we “play God?”

We hurt, not heal.

We push people from us, not draw them to us.

We become divisive, not unifying.

We drive people from God, not to Him.

We spend more time trying to change others than trying to change ourselves.

Four Ways To Stop Playing God:

Admit we're not always right,
nor the only ones that hear from God.

All of us are smart in some things,
but none of us are smart in everything!

“In the last days, God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon ALL PEOPLE.’” – Acts 2:17 (NLT)

Let people take responsibility
for their own lives.

“Today I have given YOU the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that YOU would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!” – Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

If God lets people choose how to live their lives,
so should WE!

Become more open to correction.

“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.”
– Proverbs 12:1 (NIV)

“But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.”
– Galatians 2:11 (NLT)

Confront with our judgmental attitudes
and confess our prejudices.

“God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?”
– James 4:12 (NLT)