



Jonah

Chapter 4

Do You Do Well to Be Angry?

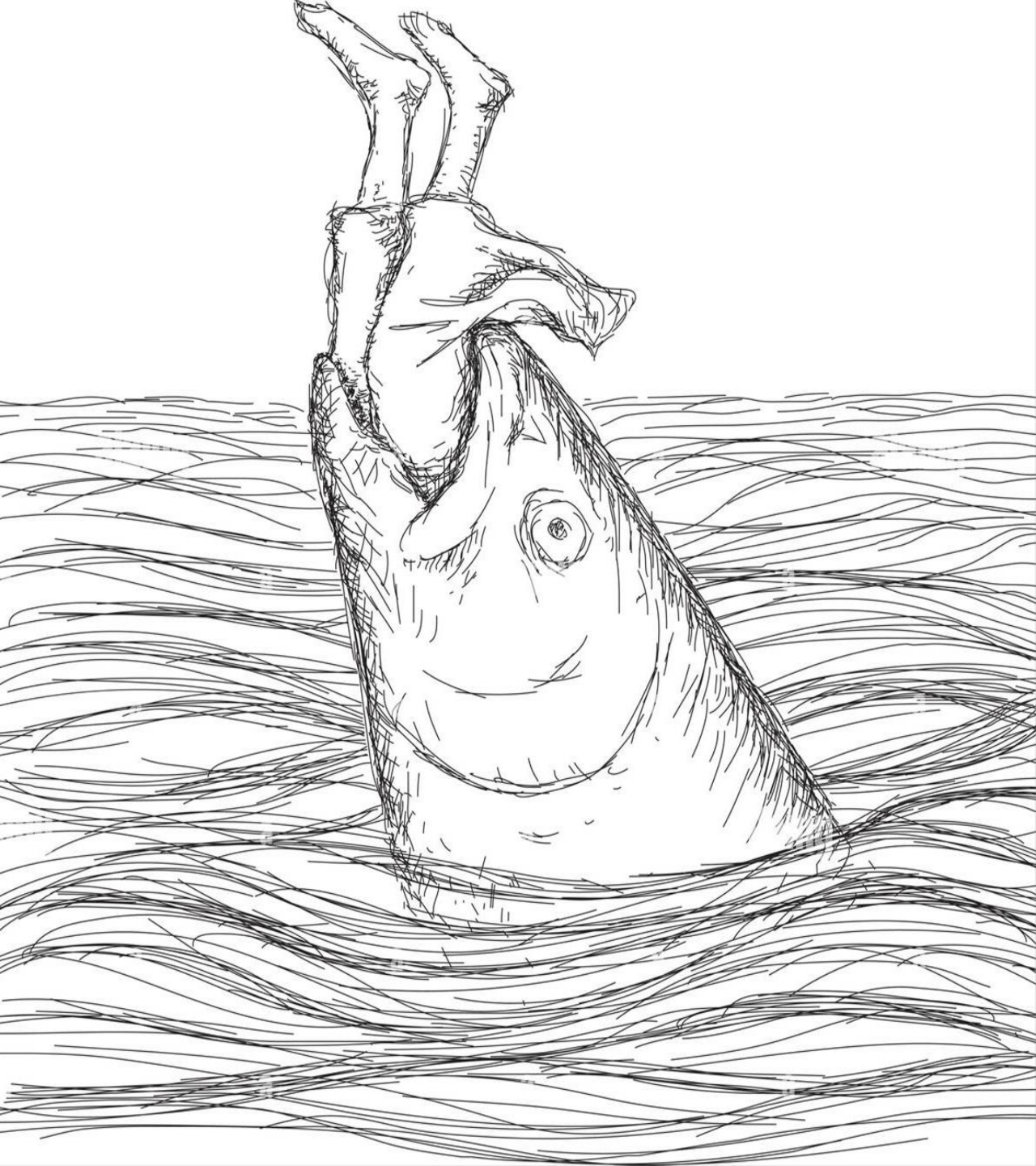


But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, **“Do you do well to be angry?”**

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. 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. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 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.” But God said to Jonah,

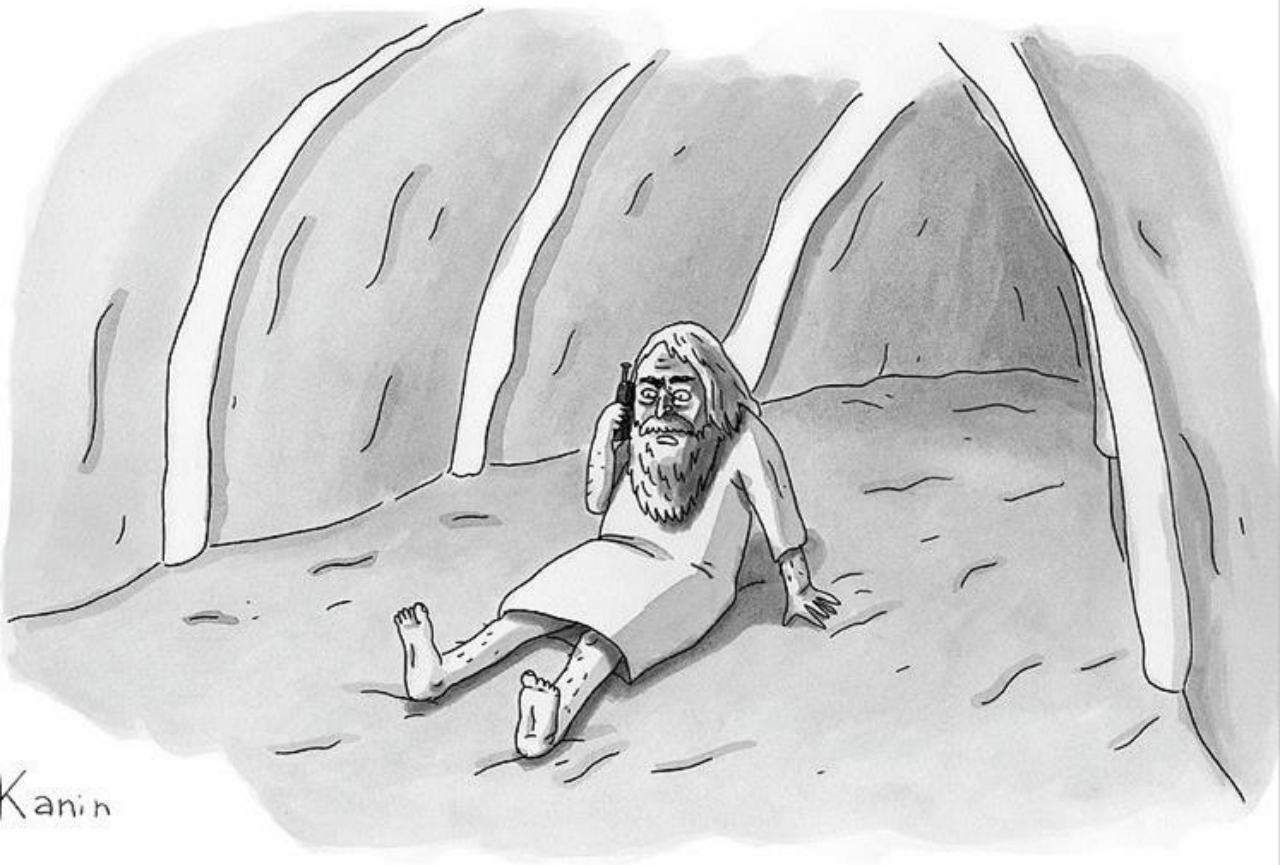
“Do you do well to be angry for the plant?”

And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” 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. 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?”



The Worst Ending Ever?

*The same God that sent the winds,
created a storm, and prepared a
fish to swallow a man in order to
save a city . . . Sent the winds,
created a Gord, and prepared a
worm to reveal His heart in order
to save a man.*



*"Of course having dinner with your parents is important to me.
I just don't know how much longer I'm going to be in this whale."*

Are You Kind?

*Jonah had perfect
theology, but could not
reconcile the love of God
with his hatred for the
Ninevites.*

**We have to reconcile
our theology with our
feelings about people.**

**God reconciled people to Himself in that He did not
hold their sins against them. And this is the ministry of
reconciliation that we have been given.**



Reconciling Love & Truth

*“For I know that you are
a God abounding in
Steadfast Love”*

If you never
know truth then
you never know
love



**We Do Not
Reconcile the Truth
of People's
Wrongs; We
Reconcile the Truth
of People's Worth**



Reconciling Mercy & Justice

*“For I know that you
are Merciful, slow to
anger”*

Mercy and justice are irreconcilable except in Christ, in whom mercy is exercised consistently with justice...the acquittal of the believer in that day will be as just as the condemnation of the sinner...He calls them righteous because they are really so in Christ Jesus.

ROBERT HALDANE

Romans Commentary (p. 80-81)



**To Show Mercy
to Others is Not
Abandoning
Justice; It is
Applying the
Cross to their Life**



Reconciling Grace & Outrage

*“For I know that you
are a Gracious God”*

“Judging others makes us blind,
whereas love is illuminating. By
judging others we blind ourselves
to our own evil and to the grace
which others are just as entitled to
as we are.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



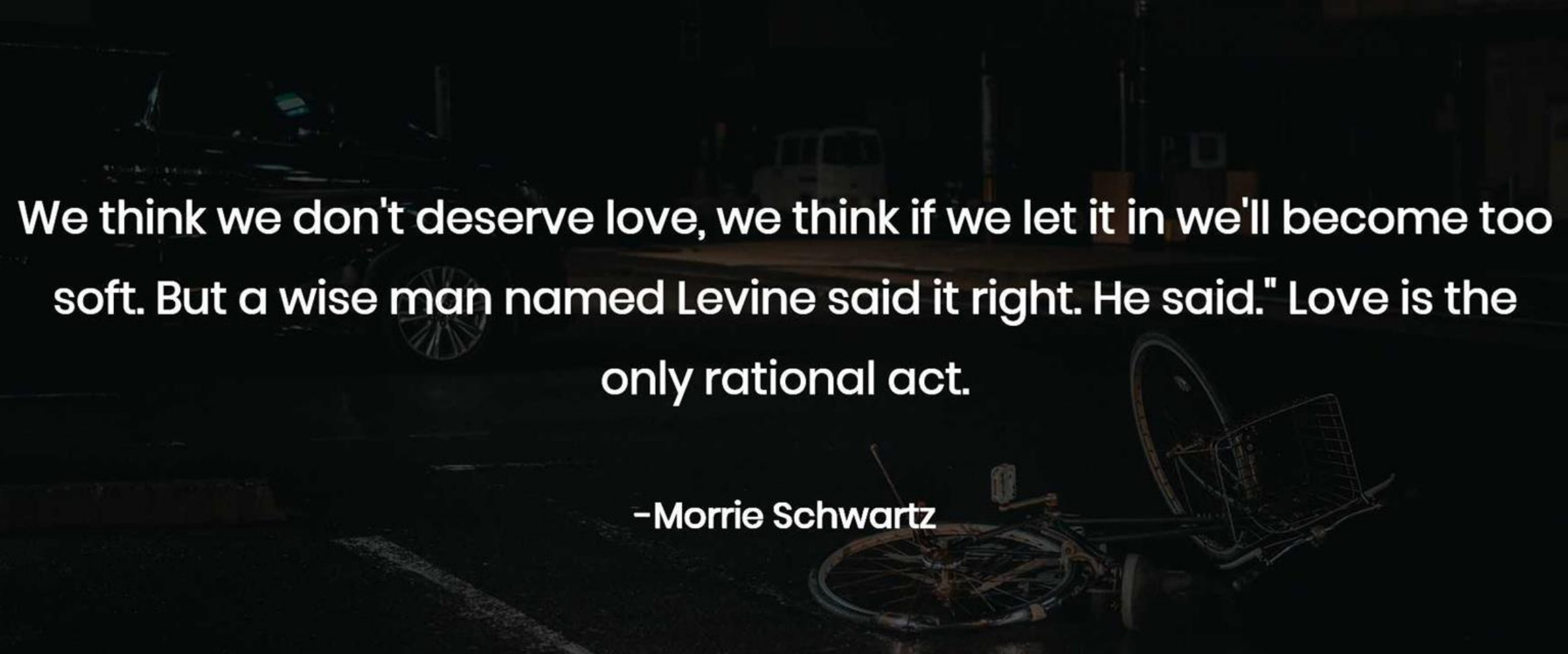
**Withholding Grace
Because People are
Broken is
Backwards. The
Brokenness is the
Very Reason We
Show Grace.**



"Jonah! When did you get out?"

**Are You Right to
Be Angry?**

*The God Who Did
Not Give Up on
Jonah, Will Not Give
up on You.*



We think we don't deserve love, we think if we let it in we'll become too soft. But a wise man named Levine said it right. He said." Love is the only rational act.

–Morrie Schwartz



Are You Kind?

*Let Compassion and
Not Cattle be the
Last Word.*