



More Than a Fish

LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET JONAH

Dysfunctional Messengers - Apply Within

Jonah 3

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³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Ninevah. Now Ninevah was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴**Jonah began** by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming “Forty more days and Ninevah will be overthrown.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 3:1-5 (NIV)

⁶When **Jonah's warning reached** the king of Ninevah, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Ninevah:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

Jonah 3:6-9 (NIV)

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, **he relented** and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 3:10

An aerial photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The water is a deep teal color, and the sand is a light beige. The waves are white and foamy as they break. The text is centered over the image.

God desires mercy,
not sacrifice

¹³ Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:13

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

An aerial photograph of a beach with turquoise waves crashing onto the sand. The text is overlaid in the center.

A **little** obedience
goes a **long way** with God

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100km

Diagram showing 1 days journey into the city of Ninevah

God uses messengers...

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God uses messengers...
(even dysfunctional ones)

⁶ For God, who said “Let light shine out of darkness”, has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this **treasure in jars of clay**, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:6-9



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