JONAH

"A Whale of a Tale or a Tail of a Whale"

Lesson 6 – What Can One Person Do? JONAH 3:1–10

Introduction:

I.

- Ask Moses
- Ask Nehemiah
- Ask Jonah

our world.

The truth is that God is desiring to use each of us to impact our home, church, city, nation, and world. We cannot change our world until we . . .

| | our ways (3:1-4) |
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| Som | e of us have forgotten that we have the |
| abili | ty to correct our ways. How? |
| A. _ | our opportunities. |
| u fr is | is one thing to be delivered and washed p on shore. However, merely being ejected com the fish will not solve our problems. It sanother thing to have a second chance and do something about it. |
| В | our obligations. |
| | od told Jonah to go to the city of Ninevah nd "proclaim to it the message I give you." |
| | 40 more days and Ninevah will be verturned." (3:4) |
| Whe | en we correct our ways, we can change |

| II. | | our world (3:5-10) |
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| | | s amazing what happens when one man tright with God! |
| | Evi | dence of revival: |
| | A. | |
| | | The people of Ninevah believed God. When men and women get right with God, the lost are attracted. |
| | В. | |
| | ٠. | The first thing they did after they believed God was to proclaim a fast. |
| | | : the voluntary denial of food in order that the face of God might be sought in earnest, definite, persistent, and believing prayer. |
| | | When? Why? Where? |
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| | | When our walk with God needs to be |
| | | deepened and our faith restored • When victories need to be won |
| | | When decisions need to be made |
| | | When revival needs to be experienced |
| | | When powers need to be secured |
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| | | Because it is practiced all through the |
| | | Word of God and it is God's plan for bringing things to pass in the life of |
| | | individuals and churches |

Should we fast privately or publicly?

There are needs for public fast. We see it here in the Book of Jonah, when the king ordeed the fast. However, I believe that our basic need today is for private fasting.

Matthew 6:16-18

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

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| | "Let them give up their evil ways." |
| | It is interesting to note that "All of them, from the greatest to the least" fasted and forsook their evil ways. |
| | Genuine repentance involves |
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| | "When God saw He had compassion." |
| | Does God change his mind? |
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| | In His character, the answer is, for |
| | He is holy, just, and unchangeable. |
| | In His mercy, the answer is, for He |
| | turns His face to any who seeks Him. |
| What co | an one person do? Look at what Jonah did! |
| Next | Lesson: "Warts and All" |