**“JONAH: Learning To Trust God’s Plan”**

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**What Is Jonah about? It’s About…**

* A **Disobedient prophet** (18x).

**Jonah**means “Dove”. Jonah is known as the *Reluctant Prophet.*

* A **Great City** (9x): **Ninevah**. Assyrian Capital, Israel’s worst enemy
* **Miracles;** (10 of them)
* **A Great Fish** (4x),

**Heb***: gadowl dag*, literally means “great fish.”

**NT Greek:** *këtos*, which simply means “sea creature.

**Jesus said:** *For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* Matthew 12:40

* **God!** (38x).
* **Me And You**….**because there’s a Jonah in all of us.**

**4 Questions To Consider During This Series:**

**Q #1: Since God is Sovereign - Will I SURRENDER?**

*The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:****2****“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”* ***3****But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish…* Jonah 1:1-3

***15****Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm…****17****Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.* Jonah 1:15-17

**Q: #2: Since God is Personal - Will I PRAY?**

*From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.****2****He said: “In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.* ***3****You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.* Jonah 2:1-3

**Q: #3: Since God is Relentless - Will I REPENT?**

*When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.* Jonah 3: 6

**Q: #4: Since God is Gracious - Will I LOVE OTHERS?**

*But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.****2****He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing 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.* Jonah 4:1-2

**NEXT WEEK:** Learning to run in the right direction - chapter 1