

## JONAH 3 – “GOD EMPOWERS THE RELUCTANT”

You can't stop expecting God to surprise you. HE IS THE GOD OF THE UNEXPECTED

- **Unexpected in creation! Golden Plover –**

Migrates from Alaska to Hawaii 3072 miles, never been there, can't run, can't swim, non stop flight, stores 70 grams of fat (uses exactly that) GPS system gets it back on course – **1000 CREATIVE**

- o That's what God does – IN OUR LIVES – HE IS CREATIVE - **CREATES**

**MP: It's in God's nature to creatively surprise you.**

**NOT A stagnant faith – rooted in the heartless repetition of rituals will yield no surprising results.**

Surprised Pple: Noah, Abraham and Sara, Saul Surprised (**ultimate surprise party**)

Isaiah 55:8 For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.  
9“*For as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

### **AN UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY**

Let's try this again – Go to Nineveh

- **THE WORD OF THE LORD – Carrying God's message**
  - o **Chose obedience – when God says go, give, encourage, support**

**Obedience to God is what opens the door for the unexpected.**

You may think that Jonah didn't deserve to be used by God. Who are you?

- o He chooses the unlikely – that's the biggest surprise (**never lose that**)

**FIRST LESSON4 PETER – FISHING WITH JESUS skeptical to surprised - (don't even deserve to b here)**

### **AN UNEXPECTEDLY POWERFUL MESSAGE**

**AN EMPOWERED YET RELUCTANT PROPHET**

- Didn't want2 be there/hoping for failure – **not good attitude – LINED2FAIL**

**A MINIMALIST MESSAGE**

**Shortest message preached brought the most powerful result history has seen.**

- God uses the messenger – but the power is in the message/Spirit

**We don't need worldly power to create God sized results.**

**MOSES STAFF -GIDEON'S ARMY - FEEDING OF 5000 – 120 DISCIPLES UPPER ROOM**

**With God small is big.**

**Zechariah 4:10 Do not despise the day of small beginnings**

### **AN UNEXPECTED REVIVAL AMONG THE LEAST DESERVING PEOPLE**

**THE LEAST LIKELY - LAST city on planet earth – REALITY OF THESE PEOPLE**

What if a revival broke out among Isis, Antifa – **FIRST THOUGHT???**

- What if God raised you up for that? Called you to that?

- o **NOT AN EASY CALL FOR JONAH – PERSONAL/DANGEROUS**

**PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF YOUR ADVERSARIES**

**Great things happen when you surrender the complication to the creator.**

○ **“THEY’LL NEVER TURN” – GOD’S IN THE MIX**

- **Jonah expected that from God – KNEW GOD’S NATURE**

**Jonah expected God to do something unexpected**

**LET GOD BE GOD... GO WITH HIS FLOW – HIS WAY OR THE HIGHWAY**