

Castaway – Part 5

Christian Center Midweek Connection Series

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Jonah 3:10

God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not

Ninevah was ripe for the judgment of God – they were also ripe for revival as well

Ephesians 5:27

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Key 1: God Uses Confident People To Spark Revival

Jonah 2:10

And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ... 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ... 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry [land] appear: and it was so

Romans 4:17

God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were

Your level of confidence and faith will increase dramatically when you begin to daily speak the Word of God over yourself

What you think about determines what you talk about; and what you talk about determines who you become

I would rather believe what God says about me rather than what the world says about me

Either faith will change how you feel or how you feel will change your faith – you get to choose

Jonah 3:1-2

And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time

Key 2: God Uses Messy People to Spark Revival

God even uses people who have been through a mess and they smell like the mess they just came out of

Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

God's purpose for your life never changes – even when your life has become a mess

You are not a victim – you are a victor through Christ

God doesn't use just perfect people – He uses willing people

Jonah 3:3

So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

The name Nineveh is thought to derive from the name of Nimrod, the city's founder and actually means the “residence of Nimrod or nunu” which is Akkadian for fish

The people worshipped the fish goddess Nanshe who was the daughter of Ea, the goddess of fresh water and the fish god Dagon, a statue of a man with a fish head

God is using what you just came out of to connect with someone who is in the middle of what you just came out of

God never consults your past when planning your future

Key 3: God Uses People Unafraid to Speak the Truth to Spark Revival

Jonah 3:4

And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Jonah 3:5

So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

There is no natural explanation for a massive conversion of hundreds of thousands of people – only a supernatural explanation rooted in God's truth

The key to their conversion is the unashamed proclamation of the Truth of God's Word for that city

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

They don't need Jesus to be their life coach – they need Him to be their Savior

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

Act 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

But here is the key – we don't speak the truth with judgment or hatred but rather

Ephesians 4:15

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ

1John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.