



**God – Do It Again!**  
**Jonah 3:4-10**

The Welsh Revival occurred from 1904-1095 in Wales and influenced revival in many parts of the world including the USA. In Wales 100,000 people were saved (Five years later 80% were still going strong in their faith), churches were filled day and night, gambling and alcohol businesses lost trade and major sporting events were canceled or postponed due to lack of interest. In Portland, Oregon 240 department stores agreed to close from 11am to 2pm so employees and customers could attend prayer meetings. **God, do it again!**

**Revival Is**

Revival isn't an event on the calendar or the emotions of excitement and enthusiasm. Revival literally means to "bring back to life." A simple definition of revival offered by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Tim Grissom is this: "Revival is what happens when God's people, whether individually or corporately, are restored to a right relationship with Him." Revival is a supernatural work of God. We can't manufacture it but we can be ready for it.

**The People of Nineveh**

Around the year 780 BC. God sent a prophet from the northern kingdom of Israel, Jonah, to a city, Nineveh, in the Assyrian Empire. At this time, the Assyrian Empire was relatively weak. It wasn't as much of a threat as it had been or would be. The Ninevites were idolaters who worshiped Asur and Ishtar the chief male and female deities.

*Heard God's Word*

Jonah's message from God was direct, "In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!"

*Believed God's Word*

More than hearing the message, the Ninevites believed it. They didn't ignore, mock, try to discredit, reject, rationalize away, twist, or change God's word.

*Repented*

The Scripture doesn't say whether Jonah gave any more information. Either Jonah did, or they had a common understanding that God judges evil actions. So, the king said, "Each must turn from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing." Fasting and wearing sackcloth demonstrated self-affliction that reflected an attitude of humility in the ancient Near East.

**Enjoyed God's Blessing**

When God saw that they turned from their evil, he didn't destroy them. The city continued to exist in peace because they had repented and experienced a revival of a city area of probably 600,000 people. **God, do it again!** A prominent preacher during the Welsh Revival was Evan Roberts. In one sermon he announced four points if God's people desired an outpouring of His Spirit: (1) Confess all known sin (2) Put away all doubtful things and forgive everyone (3) Obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit (4) Publicly confess Christ as your Savior. I challenge you to do these four things as we anticipate God's presence and power in October.

