

# **THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY**

The Book of Jonah

**Sharing our faith In a changing world**

# THE MISSION IS CLEAR...

**MATTHEW 28:19-20** Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the father son and holy spirit and teaching them to obey all i have commanded you.

**ACTS 1:8 - 8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**ACTS 13:47** - I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

**MATTHEW 5:14-16** - You are the light of the world...so let your light shine before men so they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.

**ROMANS 10:13-14** - for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

# Jonah the Reluctant Missionary

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. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.4 Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. 5 All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.

**JONAH 1:1-5**



# 7 REASONS WE DON'T SHARE OUR FAITH

1. Don't really care
2. Don't believe it will change anything
3. Don't think it is right to convert people
4. Don't feel it is your responsibility or gifting
5. Don't have the time, too busy
6. Don't want to be awkward, people are not interested
7. Don't know what to do/say

31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." 33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" 34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

**JOHN 4:31-35**

The image features a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light breaking through scattered clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees and buildings are visible against the bright horizon. The text is centered in the middle of the frame.

**LIFT UP YOUR EYES  
TO THE HARVEST**





**OUR MISSION IS TO  
MAKE JESUS KNOWN  
AND SEE THOUSANDS OF  
LIVES TRANSFORMED BY  
THE GOSPEL**

