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# 100 Days of Faith

## People Matter

### I. Jesus' Leadership & Our Obedience

John 3:16 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Luke 19:10 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Acts 10:37-38 (NIV®)

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and **how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> **Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed . . .

### II. Jonah's Assignment

#### --Negotiating with Nineveh

##### A. Chosen by God

1. reluctant
2. disobedient
3. repentant
4. little compassion
5. selfish

## B. A Message for Nineveh

Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

<sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

<sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When the news 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. <sup>7</sup> Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

<sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

<sup>10</sup> **When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.**

Jonah 4:9-11 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> **But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"**

## C. What Happened?

1. a message of judgment
2. the humility to repent and turn to God
3. awareness of "evil ways & violence", 3:8
4. God's compassion

## III. Our Community --Let's Talk

### A. Listen with compassion

❖ **say to the Lord, "I am available"**

### B. Share your "God experience", "sparks of faith"

❖ i.e. "God will help you", "God is close to the broken hearted", "don't give up"

### C. Extend an invitation (2 or 3 sentences)

**Jesus be Lord of my life, forgive me of my sin, I forgive all who have sinned against me, I want to serve you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, amen.**

### D. Be an encourager

### E. "Let God . . ."

---people in proximity of Jesus & the Holy Spirit

❖ we do not fix people, God Does; we do not deliver people, God Does; we do not have all the answers for people, God Does.

Heavenly Father,

By Your great power and strength You have delivered us from an empty way of life and brought us into the Kingdom of Your Son. We turn our hearts to You, trusting You with our lives. When we are frail, You are strong. When we are weary, You refresh us. When we are tempted, Your Word brings deliverance. Your lovingkindness and compassion sustain us through every challenge. Thank You! Now give us boldness to tell of your great love for people, in Jesus' name, amen.