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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Impact Or Impression?

JONAH 3:2-4 NKJV – (2) “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” (3) So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. (4) And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

Preaching doesn’t have to be done behind a podium. Has God instructed you to convey His message to a brother or sister in the faith or perhaps both? Did you do what God said? Did you do it the way He instructed you? Did you do it when He told you? How He told you to do it? We are losing many people because we want to impress people with our language, knowledge, status and even style. God wants us to simply take on the task given and allow Him to do the work through us. Let’s evaluate the task given to Jonah.

First, Jonah was **SUBMISSIVE**. God instructs him in verse (2) to “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it **the message that I tell you.**” This one is very simple. God tells Jonah to **get up and move**. Many of us have become complacent or even rebellious as Jonah was at one time. Jonah did not want to face this task, but he submitted to God instructions to not only get up and move, but to speak what the Lord said, the way He said it, When He said it.

Second, Jonah was **SINCERE**. Jonah could have told God he would and then did something else, but he took heed to God’s instructions, verse (3). What was a three day journey, turned out only one day. Many of us are in the wilderness because we have not submitted to the will of God. Meaning we are not truly sincere about working for the Lord. Many want to be seen or recognized, but never was sincere about His work.

Third, Jonah was **SIMPLE**. The title of Jonah’s message was, “**Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!**” When we speak to God’s people, we must speak in simplicity! We must get to the point of what God has told you to do! The title was simply Jonah’s message. Verse (4).

Last Jonah’s message was a message of **SALVATION**. Verse (4). God was telling Jonah to let the people know to repent or He would destroy Nineveh! And the Lord’s message got across to the people because Verses (5-9) explains the peoples response.

Never try to impress people by speaking what is not God’s message, Let Him speak and we just open our mouth! Remember, many lives are at stake.

SCRIPTURE READING

REVELATION 22:18-19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never undo what has been done.

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