

# PROCLAMATION, TRANSFORMATION, COMPASSION

## Jonah 3:1–10

Most don't realize that the greatest revival in history is recorded in the third chapter of Jonah. Jonah's bold proclamation to the massive city of Nineveh led to their transformation. Citizens "from the greatest to the least" believed God's message. The entire metropolis—both people and animals—began to wear "garments of mourning." The violent, wicked city fell to its knees in prayers of true repentance as they gave heed to God's warning and turned from their evil ways, fearing His prediction of destruction. The once boisterous and murderous city suddenly resembled a monastery as royalty and rogue alike ceased their cruel, carnal lifestyle, dressed themselves in burlap, and sat on a heap of ashes in abject humility. As a result, God's merciful grace replaced His plan of annihilation.

### I. The Necessity of a Bold Declaration (vv. 1–4)

- The messenger

- The message

### II. The Marks of True Repentance (vv. 5–9)

- Belief: A change of heart

- Behavior: A change of life

### III. The Relief of Divine Favor (v. 10)

- What God saw

- How God responded

*That was then . . . this is now . . .*