

June 3, 2018
UBERWHALE: Episode 3
I'm Gonna Make Them An Offer They Can't Refuse
Jonah 3
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Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. 4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." 5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. 6 When Jonah's warning 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. 7 This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. 8 But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. 9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Sermon Intro: "I'm going to make them an offer they can't refuse"

Vs. 3 "Jonah **obeyed** the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh."

- Disobedience makes you food for whales.
- Obedience is an underrated spiritual weapon that promises exponential return.
 - **Provision: Leviticus 26:3-10** "If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, then I shall give you **rains in their season**."
 - The pesky "If".
 - **Abundance: Isaiah 1:19** "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land."

- **Know God's Love and Will: John 14:21** "He who has My commandments **and keeps them**, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
 - The "**unlimited**" but not un-conditional love of God.
 - Perhaps you have an obedience problem?

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Vs. 8 "Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. 9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

- **Question:** If you are not regularly sharing God's message of love and repentance, you must ask yourself "why?".
 - **God: Vs. 10** "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened."

Food for the journey: Use these questions and challenges to go deeper in one of our community groups or in personal reflection.

1. Pastor Adam mentioned that disobedience makes us food for whales and that many of our problems are self-funded by disobedience. Have you found this to be true?
2. "If" is a pesky word in the bible, but unleashes exponential blessing. Why would a loving god make blessing conditional?
3. Pastor Adam mentioned that you never know who will repent until you ask. Who was the last person you shared the gospel with in a clear and concise manner?
4. Pastor Adam asked, "Perhaps you have an obedience problem." If let's say you do, what are some ways we can solve it.
5. This week take a long look at your disobedience before God and make a list of the blessings that could potentially be released if you got right.