

Sunday Morning | April 3, 2016

LIFE shift

THE POWER OF "YES"

JONAH 1:1-2 (NASB)

WARNING: An obedient relationship with Jesus will force life change.

I. THERE'S ALWAYS A CALL.

TRUTH: Life change begins by God calling you to do something.

TRUTH: The level of life change in your life depends on your obedience to God's "Nineveh challenge" for you.

II. THE WILL OF GOD

THREE EXPRESSIONS:

1. Sovereign will (Isaiah 46:9-10)

TRUTH: Nothing stops or hinders that which God has willed to happen (Genesis 15:13; Exodus 12:40, Joshua 21:45).

2. God's permissive will

INSIGHT: Within God's sovereign will He gives us room to choose.

TRUTH: Every time you say "no" to God's will you fail the test that proves you really want God... that you really want life change (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, NCV).

TRUTH: Your life shift, the lasting change you get to live, depends on the degree you obey His permissive will.

INSIGHT: When Adam and Eve disobeyed God all hell broke loose, because when you push God out by disobedience, His blessing, favor, and protection go as well.

3. God's moral will

TRUTH: You cannot know God's moral will outside the Bible (2 Timothy 3:14-17, NLT).

TRUTH: 99% of God's will for our lives is moral in nature.

TRUTH: People don't like the clarity of scripture and hide behind the "straw man" of ambiguity.

III. YOUR ANSWER (Jonah 1:3)

REALITY: When you choose to run away from God then you are not with God and you shouldn't expect His power in your life.

IV. THE INEVITABLE STORM

INSIGHT: When I refuse God's lead, my life can only get progressively difficult.

TRUTH: God's not in the happiness business but the life shift business.

INVITATION: Are you living "yes" to God's plan for your life?