FIRE FOR AMERICA: OUR JONAH MOMENT

• AMERICA HAS SOME IMPORTANT CHOICES TO MAKE

• Joshua 24:15 “Choose You This Day Whom You Will Serve -- But As For Me And My Household, We Will Serve The Lord”

• The Gift Of Choice Is Precious And Leads To Great Things If We Make The Right Choices
• Much Of What Happens To Us Is Determined By The Choices That We Make

• **CHOICES IN LIFE DETERMINE OUTCOME IN LIFE**

• (Gal 6:7-9 NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (8) The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (9) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
• God Allows Us To Partner With Him In Determining Our Own Destiny. **What We Do -- Determines Where We End Up**

• **THE DECISION TO FOLLOW AFTER GOD IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT DECISION**

• Choices Establish A Pattern And A Foundation For Life
• Good Choices In Life Lead To Success
• Poor Choices Lead To Great Difficulty And Destruction
• There Is A Choice To Make -- Who Are You Going To Serve?

• Joshua 24:16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!"
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THE MESSAGE OF JOEL:

1. God Judges Sin

2. God Demands Full Commitment

3. God Blesses Those Who Commit Themselves To Him
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• Joel 2:12-14 (NIV)  

  12 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.'  
  13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.  
  14 Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing—

• THERE REMAINS A SLIVER OF TIME WHERE AMERICA’S DESTINY CAN BE DETERMINED

• Joel 2:12 -- Rend Your Heart & Turn Back To God -- Who Knows? He May Turn & Relent And Leave Behind A Blessing
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• Choices Determine Destiny:

• A Nation Or An Individual Must Choose What To Do

• There Is No Greater Choice Than
  – What Are We Going To Believe
  – Whom Will We Serve
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• **America Has A Choice:**

• **Blessing Or Curse – You Choose**

• **(Deu 30:15,19 NIV)** See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ---- (1 9) This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live
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• WHEN WE CHOOSE GOD-LIFE -- WE FIND: LIBERTY & THE PURSUIT OF TRUE HAPPINESS

• (1 Ki 18:21 NIV) Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.
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• **WRONG CHOICES LEAD TO SIN/DEATH/ BONDAGE/ SORROW/ SADNESS**

• Not All Roads Lead To The Same Destination

• Not All Paths In Life Lead To Life
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- **THE ONLY HOPE FOR AMERICA RIGHT NOW IS A RETURN TO JESUS**
  - Only Jesus Can **Forgive & Cover** The Sins Of Past
  - Only Jesus Can **Meet Us** In The Need Place Of The Present
  - Only Jesus Can **Change Our Destiny** For The Future
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• It’s Not Over Until God Says It Is Over For America!

• God Knows How To Bless Those That Bless Him AND At The Same Time Turn Those Who Reject Him Over To Their Own Choices

• He Gives Everyone A Free Choice Regarding The Direction And Choices Of Their Lives
Resolved: that all men should live for the glory of God. Resolved second: That whether others do or not, I will.

Jonathan Edwards

Blessing & Overcoming Is Reserved For Those Who:

• **Know** What Is Right
• **Want** What Is Right
• **Do** What Is Right
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
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**IS IT TOO LATE?** IT WASN’T TOO LATE FOR ISRAEL

- Joel 2:12-14 (NLT)  
  12 That is why the LORD says, “Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.  
  13 Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.  
  14 Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse.
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• “If My People Will Seek Me & Turn From Their Wickedness... Then I Will Heal Their Land”

• AMERICA’S DAY OF DECISION IS AT HAND:
America Will Either Continue To **Spiral Downward** As A Result Of **Turning Away** From Him

Or

There Will Be **Great Repentance And Revival** In Our Land
• *If* We Will Give Him Our Hearts -- *If* We Will Repent -
  - *Our Destiny* As A Nation *Will Be Changed!*
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- The Book Of Jonah Tells Just Such A Revival Account

- God Said: “Jonah—Go To Nineveh & Preach Against Wickedness.”

- They Repented Of Their Sins

- God Relented From His Judgment
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• It Wasn’t Too Late For Nineveh...
• It’s Not Too Late For America!
• America – This Is Our **Jonah** Moment

• **Will We Tell Others** That It Is Time To Turn To God
• **Will We** Like Jonah – **Stop Running** From The Call
• **Will We** Like Nineveh -- As A Nation **Return**
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Freedom Based On The True Foundation Of Jesus Christ ---Will Lead To...

• Life
• Long Life
• Forever Life
• Life Abounding In Liberty And Freedom
• Life That Only He Can Give!