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TURN A CORNER!

Renewal sometimes comes to the elite, the powerful, the sophisticated, the wealthy, the intelligent – when they finally come to the end of their resources and turn to God for help.

That was true with the Ninevites. Into their beautiful city walked Jonah, a simple man with a simple message. And they bought it! And Nineveh experienced a bloodless coup: sin was overthrown, idolatry was overthrown, and the whole city repented and turned to the Lord, from the greatest to the least.

Interesting: once the spiritual renewal was under way, Jonah's name was no longer mentioned. The revival had gone far beyond the revivalist, and Jonah could fade off the scene.

Oh, that's the way I want it to be with me, too! "We must decrease, but Christ must increase!" We have no desire to promote ourselves or our method or our message or our organization, but *only to promote Him!*

And whether God takes us to exalted people or lowly ones, Psalm 66:1, 2 is our prayer:

"May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,
That your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all the nations."

May He stretch you, too, as I pray He will stretch me! May He make us all Jonahs, willing to walk into any strange place if only we can bring the Gospel.

John Wesley prayed,

"I want the whole Christ for my Savior,
the whole Bible for my book,
the whole Church for my fellowship,
and the whole world for my mission field!"