

**Title: The Greater Promise**  
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### **Jonah 3:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*. <sup>4</sup> And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

#### **A. Perpetual motion**

Come – the call

### **Luke 9:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Then He said to them all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Go – the commission (Matthew 18:19)

### **Mark 16:15**

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

#### **B. Dynamic rest**

### **Matthew 11:28-29 AMP**

<sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [*I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.*] <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

#### **Stages of rest:**

### **Matthew 10:1, 3, 8**

<sup>1</sup> And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

- Appointed - trained & prepared
- Mandated for specific area, action, strategy, goals

<sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

- Commissioned - endowed with Lamb power / meekness (Revelation 12:11)

<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- Received - responding to prepared soil

#### **C. Greater works of witness**

### **John 14:12**

<sup>12</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.