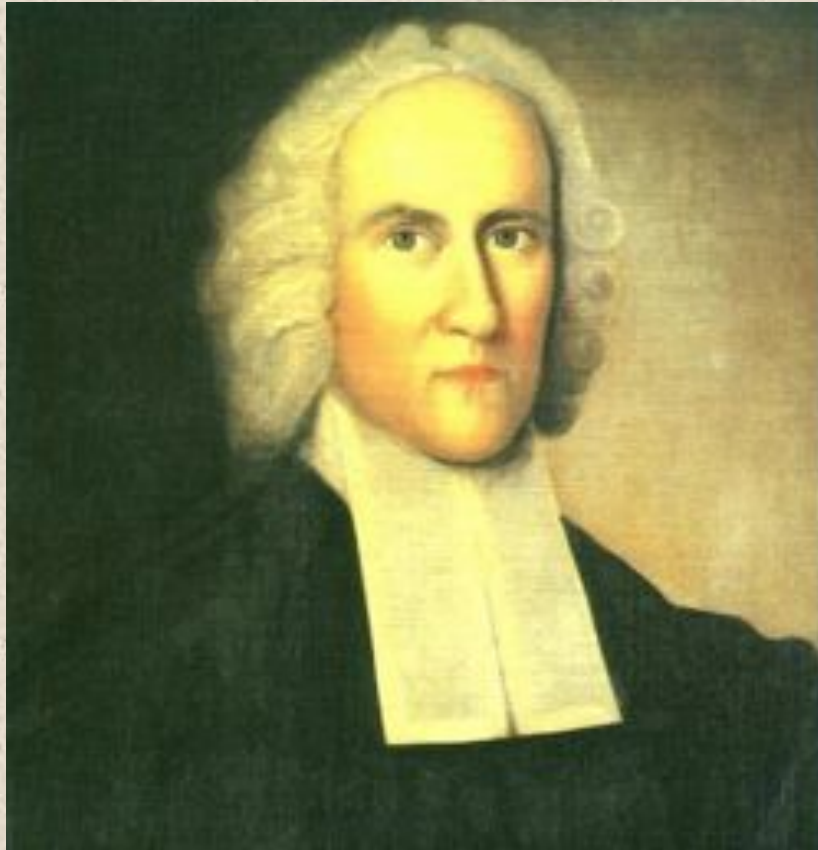




**Ordinary People  
Extraordinary Things**

Bruce Ballast

# Jonathan Edwards



# October 5, 1703

- Only son
- A Prodigy
- Spiritual experience at 10 years old
- Entered Yale at 13 years old

1721  
Spiritual Renewal

- “Resolved: That every man should live to the glory of God. Resolved second: That whether others do this or not, I will.”

# Great Awakening Begins

1723 - new openness

1734 - Two deaths

- “Then, in the latter part of December, The Spirit of God began to set in, and wonderfully to work amongst us. There were, very suddenly, five or six persons who were, to all appearance, savingly converted.”

The Great  
Awakening Goes  
National



Born December 16, 1714  
Oxford College at 18  
Commitment to missions—1738  
traveling to Georgia  
The orphanage  
Visiting Edwards in 1740

The multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons was enormous, and it was a matter of speculation with me to observe the influence of his oratory on his hearers and how much they respected him, notwithstanding his common abuse of them, assuring them that they were natural beasts and half devils. It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless and indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world was growing religious; so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families in every street.

# What Happened?

Peak on July 8, 1741

- “Sinners in the hands of an angry God.”



# What Happened?

The Tide Turns

- 1744-1748 Not one convert
- Edwards ousted on June 22, 1750

# Effects of the Great Awakening

Religious Ferment  
Controversy over “revivalism”  
Education impacted  
Social effects  
Political effects

- New church members (25-50,000) 7%
- More ministers (45 – 100)
- More churches (21-79)

