

Loving God's Purposes for Your Life (Jeremiah 29:1-14)

Four Priorities for Life – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – August 10, 2014
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Jeremiah 29:1 (NIV) This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

1. Embrace God's _____ for your life

Jeremiah 29:4 (NIV) This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

1A. Live in the _____

Jeremiah 29:5-6 (NIV) "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

1B. Pray for your _____

Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV) Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

1C. Don't listen to _____ teachers

Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NIV) Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.

2. Believe God's _____ for your life

Jeremiah 29:10 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

2A. God plans to _____ you

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

2B. God plans to _____ to you

Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV) Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

2C. God plans to _____ by you

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (NIV) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Loving God's Purposes for Your Life (Jeremiah 29:1-14) Study Guide

Four Priorities for Life – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – August 10, 2014
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Intro. What does Ephesians 2:10 tell you about God's purpose for your life?

What dreams did you have as a child about growing up? How have those dreams changed as an adult?

How does the truth of 1 Peter 2:11 affect your dreams?

How should Jesus' command in Matthew 5:16 inform our dreams and purpose in life?

- 1A. How would your dreams about life have been affected if you had been one of the exiles sent to Babylon (Jeremiah 29:1)?
- 1B. Why had Judah been sent into exile in Babylon (Jeremiah 25:4-9)? What is significant about how the Lord describes the exile in Jeremiah 29:4)?
- 1C. How would you describe God's purpose for the exiles (Jeremiah 29:5-6)?

- 1D. Would it have been easy or difficult for the exiles to pray for the prosperity of Babylon (Jeremiah 29:7)?
- 1E. How were the false prophets working against God's purpose for His people (Jeremiah 29:8-9, 24-32, Jeremiah 28)?
- 1F. How can the principles of God's purpose for the exiles apply to difficult situations that we face in our lives today?
- 2A. In what way did God give hope to the exiles with His promise (Jeremiah 29:10)?
- 2B. How was even God's punishment of Judah part of His good plans for them (Jeremiah 29:11)?
- 2C. What had to happen in the hearts of the exiles before God would listen to them (Jeremiah 29:12)?
- 2D. What does it mean to seek the Lord and be found by Him (Jeremiah 29:13-14)?
- 2E. What plans do you believe God has for your life, to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11)?