

**In A Wrong Place, But For A Right Reason**  
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**Key Thought of the Day**

Even in the midst of life's difficulties, God has a plan to deepen our \_\_\_\_\_ and use us for His \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 NLT*

**When we are in a wrong place but for a right reason...**

- God has a \_\_\_\_\_.

*...the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon... (and then...)  
And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile....*

*For they refuse to listen to me, though I have spoken to them repeatedly through the prophets I sent. And you who are in exile have not listened either," says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:19 NLT*

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NLT*

*And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare. Jeremiah 29:7 NLT*

**Reality Check**

God wants us to be fully vested in \_\_\_\_\_ in whatever circumstances we face in life.

**The Teaching Point**

God is telling his people, don't mope and grumble about your life circumstances... embrace them... and KNOW that \_\_\_\_\_ behind the challenge that will bless others and even bless you!

*This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:8-9 NLT*

**When we are in a wrong place but for a right reason...**

- God desires for us to \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Isaiah 43:2-3 NLT*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

*So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT*

### **The Teaching Point**

There is going to come a day when you will be able say to everyone... "You see, I was right to trust Jesus in the hard times of life... because \_\_\_\_\_!"

*This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:10-11 NLT*

### **When we are in a wrong place but for a right reason...**

- God uses those situations to remind us of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised...*

*We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. 2 Corinthians 5:2 NLT*

### **The Teaching Point**

God's fulfilled promises will far exceed our \_\_\_\_\_!

*Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. Romans 8:18 NLT*

### **When we are in a wrong place but for a right reason...**

- God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_.

*In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes." Jeremiah 29:12-14 NLT*

When life is difficult and we seek God... when we come to him in prayer... God assures us that we have \_\_\_\_\_.

*In those days when you pray, I will listen...*

### **The Teaching Point**

The promise in these verses is that in trials and challenges... when life has come off of the rails... when we seek where God is at in the mess... \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Bottom Line**

God is \_\_\_\_\_ in control.

**Lord, today I give you...**