

IN A WRONG PLACE BUT FOR A RIGHT REASON

Lessons from Jeremiah 29

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Key Thought of the Day

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

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "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. 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." Jeremiah 29:4-7 NIV

WHEN WE ARE IN A WRONG PLACE BUT FOR A RIGHT REASON...

• God has a _____ He desires to reveal in our life.

For they have not listened to my words," declares the Lord, "words that I sent to them again and again by my servants the prophets. And you exiles have not listened either," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:19 NIV

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

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Grab This!

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

Don't Miss This!

When we face difficulties in life — rather than mope and grumble about our circumstances, we ought to embrace them and know that _____ behind the challenge that will bless others, and even bless us!

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. Jeremiah 29:8-9 NIV

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

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

GrabThis!

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: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 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. Jeremiah 29:10-11 NIV

WHEN WE ARE IN A WRONG PLACE BUT FOR A RIGHT REASON...

- God desires to those situations to remind us of _____ that are yet to be realized in our life.

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

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 2 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

Don't Miss This!

When God fulfills His promises for Eternity, they 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

And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. 2 Corinthians 12:3-4 NIV

WHEN WE ARE IN A WRONG PLACE BUT FOR A RIGHT REASON...

- God wants us to _____.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 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." Jeremiah 29:12-14 NIV

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The promise in these verses is that in trials and challenges when life goes off the rails — If we seek God in the mess... we will _____!

The Bottom Line

God is _____ in control.

The Challenge

Where do you need to trust God in your life — right now?