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Hope for the Discontented

Jeremiah 29:1-11

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Whether you're living in "Jerusalem" or living in "Babylon," you can enjoy CONTENTMENT because of God's faithful love.

Jeremiah's Hope-filled Advice to the Discontented

1. You Are Where You Are Because GOD Wants You There!

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:" Jeremiah 29:4

2. You Are Called to MAKE THE MOST of Your Present Circumstances!

"Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." Jeremiah 29:5-7

What Paul Says about Contentment

- Contentment is <u>LEARNED</u> (Phil. 4:11).
- Contentment doesn't depend upon CIRCUMSTANCES (Phil. 4:12).
- Contentment draws strength from CHRIST (Phil. 4:13).

3. You Must Come to Grips with REALITY!

"For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:10-11

The Secret of Living in Contentment

Jesus Christ must be the <u>CENTER</u> of your life or else the circumference will never satisfy.

When Jesus Is the Center of Your Life Then You Can Say

Whether I am in "Jerusalem" or in "Babylon," I will praise the Lord and trust His promises.