



Day 32 “Living in Exile”

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Key Verse: Jeremiah 29:13 *“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”*

God was speaking to a people that had been carried off and were living in exile. They were away from their home, their culture, the land they loved. Chances are good they did not want to be where they were. God told them to continue to live their lives, despite their circumstances. To work, to marry, to raise their children and pray for the good of the nation they lived in, though it wasn't their own.

God assured them that when their time of captivity was over, when they looked for God, they would find Him, and He would restore them.

Many of us may be living in exile. Economic exile from the town, province, or even country we long to be in. Exile from the type of work, career, or ministry we feel called to. Perhaps exile from the family or people we love and long to be with, due to any number of difficult circumstances.

God encourages us to *live* in the midst of our exile. Continue to make a home, raise your family, grow in the environment you have been planted in. And seek Him. With all of your heart. He promises He will hear you, and you “will not be disappointed.” (vs 14, The Message).

Prayer: *Father, thank you for the gift of this life, in this place. Please help me to live fully where I am. Please help me see you in the midst of these circumstances.*

Scriptures: Psalm 22, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13, Romans 11:13-24, John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10