WHAT YOUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER WON'T TELL YOU
Jeremiah 29:11 / 6-14-20 / AM

I. FIRST, GOD HAS A **PERSONAL** PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

A. God’s first word to these exiles was that He hadn’t **forgotten** their plight— “I know the plans I have for you.”

B. Jeremiah, though, assures the exiles, and us, that God is **thinking** about us.

1. God has a very **personal** plan for each of us— “I **know the plans...**”

2. It’s a plan that is **tailor-made** for us— “…**plans I have for you.**”

3. It’s a plan, though, that might be a little **different** than our own plans.

4. A lesson for us here is that **When God bolts a door you want to go through, don’t try to climb through a window** because God has something else in mind **for us**—Phil. 2:13 confirms this truth.

II. SECOND, GOD HAS A **LONG-TERM** PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

A. God’s plan for these exiles was to remain in Babylon for **70** years.

B. What was Jeremiah telling these exiles and us?

1. First, although we may be **short-sighted** and anxious to change things, God may not be.

2. Second, God’s long-term plans for us are **better** than any short-term plans— “**plans to prosper you and not to harm you.**”

3. Third, God’s plans aren’t always **easy** to follow.
III. THIRD, GOD HAS A WORTHWHILE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

A. After 70 years, God miraculously brought Israel back to the Promised Land, back to Israel, back home.

B. What does this tell us about God’s plans?

1. First, God’s plans are better than our plans— “plans to give you hope and a future.”

2. Second, God’s plans are filled with hope even if it doesn’t look like it—Romans 8:31.