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Jeremiah 29:4-14 (ESV)

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### 1. God's still here.

Jeremiah 29:4 <sup>4</sup> “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Psalms 139:7–8 <sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

### 2. Grow here.

Jeremiah 29:5-7 <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **3. Let TRUTH guide you.**

Jeremiah 29:8-9<sup>8</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream,<sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord.

John 8:31–32<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

### **4. Look ahead.**

Jeremiah 29:10-14<sup>10</sup> “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.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.<sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Isaiah 55:6–7<sup>6</sup> “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”