Embrace Holy Living



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Jeremiah 29:4-19

Exile?a condition that applies to our lives just as much as it did to the Israelites in Babylonian captivity. Everyone endures a period of "exile" at some point in life. If we choose to believe in life's crises and dry spells that God has abandoned us, then we enter into self-induced exile?a hopeless wasteland of confusion. However, God is not the author of confusion.

God told the Israelites to "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile" (Jeremiah 29:7). Instead of playing the victims, God wanted His children to essentially bloom where they were planted. Their exile served a purpose, if they would learn from it to seek Him.

God's words may seem like tough love, but only when we stop wallowing in self-pity and learn to trust Him in all circumstances will we be saved from ourselves. Surrender your heart to Him, and He will rescue you from exile when the time is right and lead you with love.

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