

What To Do When God Calls You To A Hard Place Jeremiah 29:1-7

Jer. 29:4a “Thus says the Lord of Hosts....unto all who are carried away captives...”

You may find yourselves a _____/prisoner

- A sickness, job/occupation, unhappy marriage/in a caretakers roll, etc.

These people were called to a _____ place:

Ex. 3:11 And Moses said, Who am I that I should go? – he said NOT ME!

Jonah 1:3 – And Jonah rose up to flee saying Poor Me! He ran from his assignment.

Elijah I Kings 19:4 – He requested to die Elijah hid from his assignment

Isaiah 6:8 – He said, Here am I send me! He welcomed his assignment

4 Principles for _____ In Babylon – In your place of “Captivity”

1. God Put You There in _____

Jer. 29:4 I have caused you to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Genesis 45:5-8 Joseph – told his brothers 3 times God sent me here

*God Is In Charge of Our Life Even in Babylon

Daniel 6:16 – Even in the lion’s den God is in charge – We need to do/learn something

2. Find Good there in _____ – I Thess. 5:18

Jer. 29:5 Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them!

- Occupy till I come
- Be a toughie
- Don’t change your circumstance change your character

*Get on with the assignment work through not around your problems: wherever you are, whatever it is, whoever it involves.

3. Increase/Don’t _____ There!

Jer. 29:6 “Be Increased not diminished – Accept your hard place/Babylon – as a chance to grow

Psalms 137:1&2 By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst of Babylon. You must find a way to sing.

Sing – Rejoice – Praise God – Laugh – **Rom. 8:28&29**

4. Seek the _____ for those who keep you there
Jer. 29:7 Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be captives; pray for it; for in the place thereof you shall find peace.

*In other words do your best to succeed in your hard place.

We have not changed your circumstance but I believe God your _____ and _____ are changed toward your hard place.

It's not what happens in your life but it's _____ you respond to it!

Remember 4 Principles For Blooming in Your Captivity

1. _____ put you there
2. Find the _____ there
3. _____, don't diminish
4. In blessing your _____ you will be successful

There enemy was _____ them (Jews) /saying sing us one of those Happy church songs now!

Psalm 137 "Time to take our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof"

Psalm 24:6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.
Selah

It's Time to Bloom!!