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**Living For God**

**When You Don’t Have Homefield Advantage**

Jeremiah 29:1-14

**Key Truth:** God is with us in both the land of prosperity and the land of adversity.

1. We must never forget that God is sovereign and in

 control no matter how bad it gets or looks.

 A. Sometimes God uses wicked people to fulfill His

 purposes.

2. God expects us to be good citizens and faithful Christians

 even in dark times.

 A. Christians are to be productive members of society.

 B. Create godly families therefore multiplying the

 character of God in society.

 C. Pray for the nation where God has placed you.

 D. We must learn to live like missionaries in a foreign

 land. Daniel 1:1-9

3. God has a plan and future for us that far outweigh our

 present circumstances.

 A. Be faithful to God wherever He has placed you.

 B. Prayer is how God allows us to participate in what He

 is doing.

 C. Beware of false prophets.

 D. Expect it to get worse before it gets better.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Don’t lose your hope in the goodness and faithfulness of God. Seek to be a blessing to your community. Pray that the Lord will help us reach others with the gospel, and that we will not take the blessings we have in Christ for granted.

**Food For Thought**

Can you relate to us a time when you felt that God might be far away from you? Or a time where you felt completely out of control? Have you ever been in a situation where you felt very urgently that God was your only hope?

Has God ever brought you to a place in life you really didn’t want to go? Explain.

How can we help one another through difficult times?

How might you, like the Israelites in Babylon, be a blessing to the city in which you live?

What kind of encouragement can we have knowing that, even when we have sinned like the Israelites, God is still determined to bless us through His grace?

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12: How does the Apostle Peter say we should live in the midst of unbelievers?

How would respect cause those who will have nothing to do with God to listen?