

For This Place

Jeremiah 29:4-7;10-11

September 6th, 2026

Vitality

DAY 1: YOU ARE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT

READING: JEREMIAH 29:4-7

God spoke to a displaced people living in a foreign land and told them not to wait for better circumstances before living with purpose. He told them to build, plant, marry, multiply, and seek the welfare of the city where they lived. It is easy to treat your town, neighborhood, or community as a temporary inconvenience rather than a divine assignment. But God places His people with intention. The street you live on, the town your church site is in, and the neighbours around you are not accidental. Begin today by asking God to help you see your location as a calling rather than a coincidence.

Personal Reflection: What would change about how you engage your community if you truly believed God placed you there on purpose?

Practical Application: Write down the name of one person in your neighbourhood or town whom you have never intentionally engaged. Pray for them by name this week.

DAY 2: AMBASSADORS, NOT SPECTATORS

READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Paul makes clear that those who are in Christ have been given a ministry of reconciliation. God is making His appeal to the world through His people. That means the church is not a refuge from the world but a sending station into it. The sermon from Jeremiah 29 echoed this truth: Jesus did not die on the cross to make His followers comfortable. He commissioned them. An ambassador does not represent themselves; they represent the one who sent them. Every conversation, act of kindness, and invitation extended to a neighbour can become an act of ambassadorship. The question is not whether you have been commissioned. You have. The question is whether you are showing up for the assignment.

Personal Reflection: In what areas of your daily life do you most naturally act as a representative of Jesus, and where do you tend to go silent?

Practical Application: Identify one conversation you have been avoiding that could open a door for the gospel. Pray for the courage to have it this week.

DAY 3: SALT, LIGHT, AND THE LONG VIEW

READING: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus described His followers as salt and light—two things that exist for the benefit of what is around them. Salt does not preserve itself, and light does not illuminate itself. Jeremiah 29 carries a similar message: God told His people to seek the welfare of Babylon because their own welfare was connected to it. This is the long view of faithful presence. It is not glamorous or fast. Marriages restored, addictions broken, and communities transformed do not happen overnight. They happen through the steady presence of people who refuse to retreat.

Personal Reflection: Where in your life are you tempted to withdraw from difficulty rather than remain present as salt and light?

Practical Application: Choose one practical way this week to contribute to the welfare of your town—volunteer, serve, or simply show up somewhere you have been absent.

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DAY 4: PLANS FOR A FUTURE AND A HOPE

READING: JEREMIAH 29:10-14

Jeremiah 29:11 is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible, but its context matters. God's promise of a future and a hope was given to people in exile, surrounded by circumstances they would not have chosen. The promise also came with a timeline longer than many of them would live to see. Yet God said plainly: I know the plans I have for you. This is not a promise that life will be easy or that results will come quickly. It is a promise that God is working, that He is not absent, and that His purposes will not fail. So His people keep building, planting, praying, and trusting even when the horizon feels far away.

Personal Reflection: Is there an area of your faith or ministry where you have grown discouraged because you cannot yet see the results?

Practical Application: Write out Jeremiah 29:11 in your own words, applying it to the specific situation where you need to trust God's long-term plan right now.

DAY 5: FOR THIS PLACE -- FULLY DEVOTED AND FULLY PRESENT

READING: MARK 1:35-39

Jesus said, "Let us go to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." He had a mission, and He would not let comfort or familiarity keep Him from it. Being fully devoted to Jesus means recognizing that your life, your town, your resources, and your relationships can all be used for His mission. The vision of Vitalpoint Church—to reach thousands across small towns and beyond—is not about building a name for a church. It is about making the name of Jesus known. You are part of that, and your town is part of that. The question is: what is your part?

Personal Reflection: What is one specific step of obedience God is calling you toward as you think about being For This Place?

Practical Application: Share the phrase For This Place with someone in your church community this week. Talk about what it means for your town and commit together to one tangible act of faithful presence.