

THE BEAUTIFUL NEXT



Part 2: Bloom Where You're Planted.

Jeremiah 29:11

11For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

4This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Psalms 84:5-6

5Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
6As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

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Message notes:

You're trapped in a future that isn't beautiful because you're letting _____ paint the picture of what that future is going to look like.

I am confident to be able to say whatever God does, it's

_____ .

_____ where you're planted.

If it's not _____ hope it won't bring an infusion of courage and joy and peace into the pain of the moment.

I'm gonna sow a seed, I'm gonna put up a _____ that says it's not gonna always be this way, there's a beautiful next that's coming.

What we're talking about in this series is the way of _____. There's no other way to walk with Jesus.

When you're going through sorrows and grief and heartache and brokenness and you don't feel any beauty, don't

_____ that.

God says, "Okay, the work is done. You didn't waste your sorrows. You let them work in you and _____ you and form you. Now I'm taking you to the beautiful next."

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. In Jeremiah 29, the Israelites were told to “build houses, plant gardens, and seek the peace of the city” while in exile. Why would God tell them to invest in a place they didn't want to be?
2. What does it mean to bloom where you are planted, and how can this principle transform your current season of life?
3. Even when life feels uncertain or difficult, God's thoughts toward you are good. He has plans for a “beautiful next” regardless of your current circumstances. How can we cultivate a mindset that views our future as beautiful when circumstances around us seem bleak or uncertain?
4. In what ways have you experienced deeper spiritual growth in valleys of hardship compared to mountaintop experiences, and what did those valleys teach you?
5. Psalm 84 instructs us to, in the valleys of life, create “signposts” that point to hope and a better future—not just for ourselves, but for those coming behind us. What does it look like practically to dig wells in your valley of Baca that will refresh and encourage the next generation of pilgrims?

Ministry Time:

Pray for each other to find contentment and fruitfulness in your current circumstances. Ask the Spirit to give each of you vision to see how your struggles can bless those coming behind you.

Pray for anyone who has specific dreams or desires that have been put on hold. Ask for Godly contentment and wisdom to see how God might want to redeem those dreams—either here or in eternity.