

Faithful in Babylon

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Jeremiah 29:4-7, Psalm 137:1, Jeremiah 5, Daniel 6:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:11, Jeremiah 29:6, Deuteronomy 6:7, Ephesians 6:4

- There are some days that we're more anxious for God to come back
- You're fighting against a culture that keeps pushing back
- The world is not my home. I'm just passing through
- We are called to serve God in a society that increasingly operates in according to values that conflict with His Word
- Take care of what God has blessed you with
- Your heart stays fixed on where you truly belong
- Our citizenship shapes our values
- Before we belong to an earthly nation, we belong to the King of kings.
- Live in this world without anchoring your heart to it
- We're grateful guests but not permanent residents
- We're called to engage with society.
- We should help lead
- People are wanting how we plant our gardens and build our houses
- Our work ethic should be a witness to our Christian faith
- Genuine christianity makes us more responsible
- A dark room doesn't need fewer lamps, it needs more
- We often ask how can I protect my family from being influenced by the culture we live in.
- We should be asking, how can my family make a difference in this culture?
- God wants us active, even when the place doesn't deserve it
- There should be more compassion
- No one should mistake us for people who blend in or don't care
- Separation never meant isolation

5 Instructions from God during exile

1. Remember where your true home is
2. Get work done, put down roots
3. Invest in the next generation
4. Seek the good of the place He's put you in
5. Pray for leaders and society around you