## We've been eating too long in the pasture of disappointment, feeling forgotten, and confused.





"This is what the Lord says: 'You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen.

"If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

> Jeremiah 29:10-14 New Living Translation

# "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6 Matthew 28:20 Hebrews 13:5

What we have in common is that we've all experienced seasons and times of feeling rejected, overlooked, or forgotten. I want us to KNOW that we are not forgotten or rejected. There is purpose in our season of being hidden. Therefore, I want you to feel seen and experience the assurance of God's presence, wisdom, and purpose.

## 5 "Whys" for Being Hidden:

- 1. A Person's Decision. (Acts 7:25, Exodus 2)
- 2. God's Process/Growth. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- 3. Holy Spirit's Leadership. (Matthew 4:1)
- 4. Pride. (1 Peter 5:5)
- 5. Sin. (James 1:15)

#### "And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the Will of God.

Romans 8:27 NIVUK

#### 5 Responses in a Hidden Season:

- 1. Boldly go to God. (Hebrews 4:16)
- 2. Joyfully embrace and value the purpose of this season. (Psalm 105:17-19)
- 3. Nourish your season by serving others and abiding in Jesus. (John 15)

### 5 Responses in a Hidden Season:

- 4. Dream. (Psalm 126:1-3)
- 5. Look to people for support, and to God for growth. (1 Corinthians 3:5-9)