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PART 4: WHAT PLANS

Introduction

Forrest Gump's momma said, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." That statement feels true, but wouldn't it be nice to have a little more certainty, or better yet, control over your life? Or, maybe you don't want control, but you want to know there's a plan that can't be altered or taken away at a moment's notice. When God said there was a plan for us in Jeremiah 29, exactly what plans was He talking about?

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when your plans got completely messed up or changed by someone or something other than you. How did it make you feel?
2. How would you describe yourself as a planner? Are you a type-A or are you laid-back and happy for someone else to decide?
3. How do you include or not include God in your plans?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:4-14. What is the context, in other words, what is happening right now with the nation of Israel? Who is God talking to in these verses?
5. Is there a difference between God having plans for the nation of Israel and God having plans for each of us individually? If so, what is the difference? What do we miss if we ignore the collective tense of God's promise of prosperity?
6. Jenn shared Donald Miller's illustration of our lives as a box of crayons instead of a finished drawing. How do you resonate with that illustration? What are some of the "crayons" in your box? In other words, what are the things that are unique about you? What gifts and abilities do you have? How have your life experiences shaped you for the future?

