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# A Living Hope

Jeremiah 29:4-14

**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,  
they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
<sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

### Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

6 He is not here, but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,



**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men  
and be crucified and on the third day rise."



### Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

### Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things

**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale,  
and they did not believe them.



### Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves;



**Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)**

and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)**

**3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

### 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.  
This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.



The Greek term for "hope" in the passage means "an eager, confident expectation."

**Ecclesiastes 9:4 (ESV)**

Anyone who is among the living has hope  
—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!

## Jeremiah 29:1 (ESV)

These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests,



**Jeremiah 29:1 (ESV)**

the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar  
had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.



## Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

## Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce.  
<sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons,

**Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)**

and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.



## Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)

7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,  
and pray to the Lord on its behalf,

**Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)**  
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

## Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)

8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you,



### Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)

and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them,

**Jeremiah 29:4-10 (ESV)**  
declares the Lord.

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Build homes - Plant gardens - Take wives

Build homes - Plant gardens - Take wives - Have kids



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God provides a **living hope** for today.



Live with hope and don't mope.



The essential meaning of exile  
is that we are where we don't want to be.

## **Application Question**

Where do you feel exiled in your life  
and how is God calling you to live with hope in it?

Will you feel bad for yourself where you are or live the life  
God is calling you to live where He has you today?

**Philippians 3:20 (ESV)**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.



The world is not our permanent home,  
but our present home.



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**Matthew 5:44 (NLT)**  
Love your enemies!  
Pray for those who persecute you!



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Don't put your **hope** in a **lie**.

## 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain,

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)**

but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us  
with everything for our enjoyment.



## **Application Question**

Is your hope in a lie dreamt up in your head  
or is it in God and His truth?

**Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> "For thus says the Lord:

When seventy years are completed for Babylon,

**Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)**

I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise  
and bring you back to this place.



## Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.



**3**

God **knows** the **plans** He has for you — good **plans** to give you a **future** and a **hope**.

## Application Questions

Do you believe God knows the plan for your life?

Do you believe it's a good plan to give you a hope and a future?

## Application Questions

How do I make sure this promise is true for me?



**Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,  
and I will hear you.

**Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV)**

**13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.**

**Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the Lord.



**Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV)**

have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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Hope is **found** when you seek **Jesus** with all your **heart**.

**Romans 3:23 (ESV)**

for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,



### **John 3:16 (NIV)**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die,  
so in Christ all will be made alive.



**Romans 10:9 (ESV)**

if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

### **Revelation 3:20 (ESV)**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

## Prayer

Come meet with a prayer partner at the front!



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