

WHEN I REALIZE I'M GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS, I WILL
CHOOSE _____ OVER _____!

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)

"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you My promise and bring you back to this place. 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."

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Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV)

"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile."

WHEN I REALIZE I'M GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS, I WILL
_____ SEEK GOD, AND _____
_____ WORLD REDEEMING MISSION!



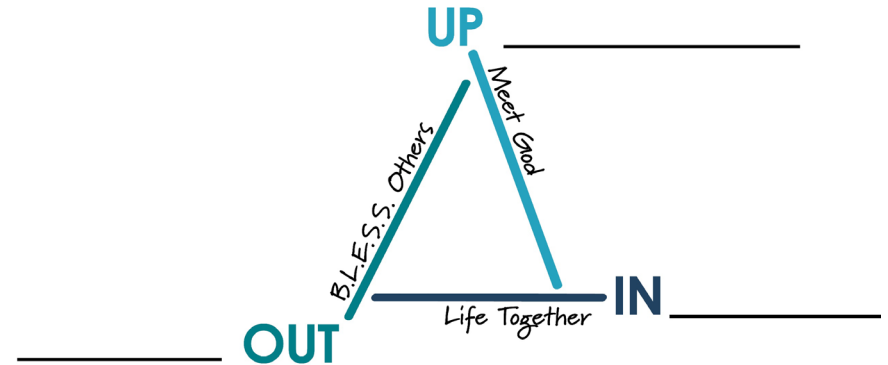
Jeremiah 29:4-14

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."



Following Jesus isn't about _____ darkness,
but about _____ the light.

3 Ways We Try To Escape "THE DARKNESS"

- We _____!
- We _____!
- We _____!

TODAY'S BIG IDEA

**JESUS calls HIS followers to make an _____,
not make an _____!**

Jeremiah 29:4 (ESV)

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:”

1 Peter 1:1 (EXB)

“From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. To God’s chosen [elect] people who are exiles [temporary residents; refugees; foreigners]...”

Acts 17:26–27 (ESV)

“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him.”

REALIZING I'M GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS THIS NATION

**WHEN I REALIZE I'M GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS, I WILL
COME TO A PLACE OF _____ AND NOT
_____!**

SERENITY PRAYER

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Jeremiah 29:5–6 (ESV)

“Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.”

**WHEN I REALIZE I'M GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS, I WILL
ADOPT A POSTURE OF _____, NOT
_____!**

2 POSTURES FOR PRODUCTIVE LIVING

#1- Choose _____ over _____!
Ephesians 6:19–20 (NLT)

#2 – Choose _____ over _____!

1 John 3:18 (NIV84)

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

“WELFARE” - **שְׁלוֹם** - _____

“In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight - a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed.”
NOT THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE. Dr. Cornelius Plantinga