Hearing The Prophets
Faithful Even Here
Sunday, October 4, 2026

Jeremiah 29:4-14 NIV

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” 8 Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. 9 They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. 10 This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

1. **Trust God Where You Are.**

2. **Let God Work in You.**

3. **Hope in What God Has Promised.**

Conclusion: The exile was not the end of the story. God was still pursuing His people, shaping their hearts, calling them back to Himself, and keeping His promise to bring them home. **Even here, God was faithful.** He had not abandoned His portion; He was restoring what sin had broken.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Faithful Even Here
Week of October 4, 2026- October 10, 2026

Ice Breaker: Have you ended up somewhere you didn’t expect to be—and later realized it turned out to be a good thing. How so?

Read Jeremiah 29:4-14.

1. Who is this message from? And to who is it given? (v.4)
2. What does God tell them to do? Why? (vs. 5-6)
3. What other commands does He give to them? Why? (v.7)
4. Would this be hard to do? Is it hard for you to seek peace in a place of unwanted “exile”? What is He teaching them/you?
5. Who was He warning them about? (v.8)
6. What were other prophets saying? Read Jeremiah 28:1-4, 13-17.
7. What did God say about these other prophets? (v.9)
8. How did Jeremiah rebuke the other prophet? What should we be looking for when someone *prophesies a Word from the Lord*? Read Jeremiah 28:8-9.
9. What is the timeframe they would be in exile? (v.10)
10. What did God promise to do after that time?
11. What does God reveal about what is yet to come? (v.11)
12. Do you trust in this truth and promise for your life? *“Even Here”* when you are somewhere you don’t want to be?
13. What is God making known about Judah’s hearts after that time? (v.12) What would change? Why?
14. When will they find God again? (v.13)
15. Have you had a time of “exile” and later began to seek God with all your heart? Was He found by you?
16. What is God’s promise to exiled Judah? (v.14) Is there hope for you also in this promise?
17. Read Acts 17:26-28. What do we see about God’s sovereignty and His purpose in where He chooses to place us?
18. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. Why will God allow us to sit in trials? What is the hope revealed if we look to Him?
19. Read Hebrews 12:5-7. How should we learn to view discipline from the Lord? Why?
20. Read Lamentations 3:21-24. What did Jeremiah focus on? What can we learn from Him in our times of “exile” and waiting?

Point to ponder: Exile became another place God was teaching His people to depend solely on Him. He continues to ask us, *even here*, will you seek Me? Will you trust Me?