

**The Only Way Out Is Through
How Do You See Life? - Part 3
Jeremiah 29:4-14 (NIV)**

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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.” Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV)

Reminders for Enduring Hard Seasons:

I. WHATEVER I AM NOT DELIVERED FROM, I AM RESPONSIBLE TO BECOME DISCIPLINED IN.

- Deliverance — an immediate change produced by an action received.
- Discipline — a gradual change produced through active participation.

II. PERSERVERANCE IS THE COST FOR A FULFILLED PROMISE

*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)*

*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised....
Hebrews 10:36 (NIV)*

Five Temptations That Come When Life Gets Uncomfortable:

1. The temptation to REJECT REALITY

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon... (Jeremiah 29:4)

2. The temptation to REFUSE TO INVEST

Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. (Jeremiah 29:5)

3. The temptation to RESTRICT MY GROWTH

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. (Jeremiah 29:6)

4. The temptation to RESENT MY SURROUNDINGS

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. (Jeremiah 29:7)

5. The temptation to REACH FOR SHORTCUTS

Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them... (Jeremiah 29:8-9)