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THE COST  
OF SEPARATION

Life is full of **trials**

(all of us will encounter hardships  
and difficult challenges)

How will we **respond** to them?

No matter what any of us face,  
it is an opportunity for us  
to rejoice and find our  
satisfaction in Christ ALONE

James 1:2-4

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HOPE  
IN EXILE

## Jeremiah 29:1-3

This opens with the **harsh reality** that the people of Judah have been displaced (they're far from home) and under **foreign oppression**

**“Exile” = to be removed by force,  
to aggressively carry away**

It didn't matter what role you held,  
the **impact** of the Babylonian  
captivity hit you and so did this  
**message of HOPE!**

**This message of HOPE was given in  
the middle of turmoil**

**Jeremiah 29:4-7**

God was instructing His people  
to live in the **here and now**  
(they were to engage  
not withdraw in despair)

The way we respond and react to  
**rough seasons** in our lives has the  
potential to send **shockwaves**  
through those around us

Jeremiah 29:8-9

Understand, **NOT EVERY** message,  
which claims to be **genuine**  
and **authentic** is actually  
a message from God

Jeremiah 29:10-11

Directly into their despair,  
God offers a future **forever**  
**HOPE** that addresses their  
immediate suffering

God's **timing** is **ALWAYS** perfect

God promises a future **HOPE**

God's **faithfulness** secures this  
future **promise**

## Jeremiah 29:12-14

God intended this **hardship** to draw  
His people close and with hearts  
primed, the people will once again  
**search** for the Lord