

“Take Life as it Comes”
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How is your 2020 calendar looking?

Principle 1: Say Yes to God – Psalm 145:8-9

Principle 2: Choose your Traveling Companions Wisely

Principle 3: Seek Wisdom: Ask, Search, Knock

Principle 4: Leave Your Baggage Behind

Principle 5: Own Your Stuff

Principle 6: Embrace Problems as Gifts

We desperately want things to be _____ than they are.

If we don't learn to take life as it comes, we will always be _____ for our real lives to begin, and God's desires for the world through us will go unrealized.

Living in Exile

In 597 B.C., the Babylonian army took the king and leaders of Judah into _____.

God instructed the exiles to _____ houses and _____ gardens.

Not only were they to settle down in Babylon, but to actively seek its _____.

When life brings us somewhere we don't want to be, no amount of _____ can make it otherwise.

When we take life as it comes, we can live _____, even in exile.

Despite their exile, God's _____ never left the people of Judah.

Making a Home in Exile

We need _____ to sustain us.

Christian hope is based not in _____, but in God's promises.

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to _____ for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

How do we wait in hope?

1. We _____.

2. We _____.

When the Holy Spirit showed up on Pentecost, the apostles were _____.

And that Spirit _____ us for the mission God has given us.

Even when our plans are on hold, God's plans are moving forward.

Action Steps

1. _____: grieve what has been lost.
2. _____: intercede for the welfare of God's people, especially your enemies.
3. _____: take the next step in faithfulness to God's call.
4. _____: choose one way to engage fully where you are today.

Whether in Babylon or on Pentecost, Jesus gives us abundant life, right where we are.