

Wednesday Devotional June 24

Seek Me with All Your Heart

11] For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12] Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13] When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, 14] I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

REFLECT: Enjoy this wonderful passage. Ask God for new insights. What do you learn about the Christian life and ministry?

-The context of this passage is that through the prophet Jeremiah God promises to bring back the exiles in Babylon because of the sins of Judah (see 25: 8-14 as one example). God has not forgotten Israel and God will restore the nation of Israel.

-In applying this text to our modern context the first question you have to discern is how generic and widespread is this promise of future hope? Is this promise for all humanity regardless of our faith or lack of faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ? That regardless, God will restore and give you future hope? Or is it a promise demonstrating the faithfulness of God for those who are committed to live with the hope of God's Kingdom here and for eternity in and through Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour? Read Romans 8: 31-39 for more insight.

God offers a wonderful word of encouragement in these words. What is it?

What does the Lord say will happen if you search for him and what kind of searching does the Lord call you to perform?

What does God promise to the people of God if they will but seek God with all their heart?

RESPOND: How will you apply this text to your life and ministry?

REQUEST: Jot down prayer requests that you and others may have.