

Study Guide

Sunday May 31, 2020

“Thriving in Exile”

1. → **Jeremiah 29:5-7**

*“Build **houses** and settle down; plant **gardens** and eat what they produce. 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. 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 **prosper**s, you too will **prosper**.”*

→ **Jeremiah 29:11**

*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.”*

2. **Points to Remember**

- A. Prosperity is not about the accumulation of more possessions.
- B. God designed us not just to survive but to thrive.
- C. In the midst of the chaos it is the peacemakers that triumph.
- D. Our faith is useless if it does not make the world a better place.
- E. In every crisis it is important we know which voices to listen to.
- F. God’s purpose for us is to do good when we have an opportunity.

3. **Bible Verses**

1 Timothy 6:17	Do not put your hope in wealth
John 15:16	Go and bear fruit
Matthew 5:9	Blessed are the peacemakers
James 3:18	Peacemakers who sow in peace
Matthew 5:13	You are the salt of the earth
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17	Give thanks in all circumstances
Romans 8:28	God works for the good of those who love him

4. **Discussion Questions**

- A. How are you doing remaining productive during the shutdown?
- B. What is your reaction to the riots taking place in Portland?
- C. Has God given you any creative ideas to be a blessing to others?
(be sure and go to the website and share your testimony)