



# Living In God's Plan

*Lessons from the book of Jeremiah*



## "How can we live with purpose and hope in difficult and unexpected situations?"

Read Jeremiah 29

Listen to the Message 'How can we live with purpose and hope in difficult and unexpected situations?' (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023) at [www.elim.family/media](http://www.elim.family/media)

This message is based on the biblical story of Jeremiah and the exile of the Jewish people to Babylon. It focuses on the message that Jeremiah sent to those in captivity, like Daniel, who were hoping for a quick return to their homeland. However, Jeremiah's message was different; it encouraged the exiles to settle down in Babylon, build homes, and pray for the prosperity of the city they were in.

The sermon draws several key points:

1. **Opportunity in Waiting:** In times of waiting and uncertainty, there are still opportunities to make the best of the situation. The message encourages people to seek out ways to be productive and not waste their waiting time.
2. **Don't Give Up on Your Miracle:** Even in difficult times, one should hold onto God's promises and not give up on the miracle or breakthrough that has been prophesied or hoped for.
3. **Listen to God's Voice:** While holding onto promises, we should also be open to God's guidance in the situation. Sometimes God's plans may differ from our expectations, and we should seek His direction and trust in His timing.

This message emphasizes the importance of community within a church and building relationships to support one another through difficult times. It underscores the idea that living in God's plan may not always align with our own desires and plans but requires faith and patience.

To read more about Andy and Emma Davies Story go to:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/home/locked-in-but-not-abandoned/1375.article>

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### Questions for reflection:

1. How do I react to unexpected or challenging situations in my life, and am I open to settling down and seeking opportunities in times of waiting?
2. Am I holding onto promises and trusting in God's plan, even when it doesn't align with my own expectations?

3. How can I better listen for God's guidance and discern His will in the midst of difficult seasons?

4. Am I actively participating in a supportive community and building relationships that can provide strength and encouragement during challenging times?

5. In what areas of my life can I work on embracing God's plan over my own, even when it feels uncomfortable or uncertain?

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