### THINK ON THESE THINGS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

God's Plan for You



## THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

- To the Israelites Captive in Babylon Jer. 29:1
  - Begins 40 Years Earlier
  - Nebuchadnezzar's Invasion
  - Captivity to be 70 Years

**Jer. 1:1-3** 

Jer. 25:1; 29:1

**Jer. 25:1-11** 

## THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

### • The Message HERE

70 Years Reiterated

— At the End, A Return

Because He Had Plans for Them

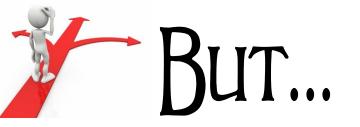
**Jer. 29:10** 

**Jer. 29:12-14** 

**Jer. 29:11** 

## THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

- What This is NOT About:
  - A Personal Promise from God to YOU
  - Promised Blessings to the Faithful Today
  - Proof God Controls Details in Our Lives



#### God Has Worked with Individuals

Abraham

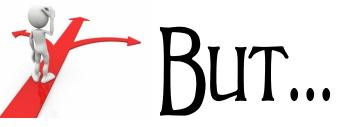
**Gen. 12:1-3** 

Joseph

Gen. 37; 39:3-5, 23; 45:5; 50:19, 20

— Elijah

1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 17:3, 4; 19:1–18



#### It Was Not Just for Their Personal Benefit

- Abraham
- Joseph
- Elijah

Isa. 51:1, 2

Gen. 45:5; 50:19, 20

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18



### It is Poor Exegesis/Application

Context Must Determine
Mark 10:21

Three Questions to Ask
Jer. 29:11

— When We Do Not... Jn. 16:13; 14:26; Mk. 10:29

## DOES GOD HAVE PLANS?

- Not for Individuals
  - God Is Impartial

Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11

A Self-Centered Interpretation

Jer. 29:11; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:15; Matt. 21:22

# DOES GOD HAVE PLANS?

- God's Plan
  - Eternally Purposed

Eph. 3:3-11

What Was Planned

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1:9, 10; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 1:20, 21

# DOES GOD HAVE PLANS?

- What God Desires for YOU:
  - Repentance
  - Salvation

Acts 17:30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:9

1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 2:3, 4; Lk. 7:30