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Teaching Notes

God, Are You There?

NIV Jeremiah 29:10-14 This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 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. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Three Kinds of Captivity

First: Captivity that is _____ - _____

NLT Deuteronomy 8:5 So you should realize that just as a parent disciplines a child, the LORD your God disciplines you to help you.

NLT Hebrews 12:10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always right and good for us because it means we will share in his holiness.

NLT 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.

Second: Captivity because of _____ **choices**

Third: Captivity because of the choices of _____

Vs 10: I will come to _____

Vs 11: I have _____ **for you**

Prosper us: wellness or blessing for all _____ **of one's life**

Hope and future: a _____ **end**

Jer 31:20 God says, "Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD."

Vss 12-13: If I seek with _____ **my heart**

NIV Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Vs 14: Restoration follows _____

Restore: back to where you _____

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