

REVIEW: PAUSE ON PURPOSE

Psalm 46:10 "Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything."

1. WHAT DOES PURPOSE MEAN FOR US?

**WE ARE CALLED TO BRING HONOR TO GOD
WE GET CAUGHT UP IN THE "TRAFFIC"**

2. WHY WOULD GOD PUSH OUR PAUSE BUTTON?

ALL ACTIVITY IS NOT GOD

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ACTIVITY IS NOT HIM

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Ps 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

DISCOVERY IN STILLNESS

LYDIA - THE STILL SMALL VOICE...WHISPER

3. WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHILE ON PAUSE

Jer 18:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, 2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will announce My words to you." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. 4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

POWER - THE WHEEL HAS POWER TO TURN AND CHANGE

PREPARATION - THE POTTER IS PREPARING

PATIENCE - THE VESSEL IS MESSED UP

PURPOSE - THE VESSEL IS REMADE FOR A PURPOSE

PAUSE FOR A PROCESS. Jer. 29.4- 14

Jeremiah 29:4 This is what the lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem:

Jeremiah 29:5 "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce.

Jeremiah 29:6 Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!

Jeremiah 29:7 And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

Jeremiah 29:8 This is what the lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, Jeremiah 29:9 because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the lord.

Jeremiah 29:10 This is what the lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:12 In those days when you pray, I will listen.

Jeremiah 29:13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Jeremiah 29:14 I will be found by you," says the lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

PAUSE FOR A PROMISE

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THE PROMISE IS ALWAYS THE GENESIS

THE PROMISE IS ALWAYS DELAYED

PAUSE FOR A PROTEST

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PROTEST BY WORKING HARD

PROTEST BY PRAYER

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

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SEEK ME WITH OUR WHOLE HEART

I WILL END YOUR CAPTIVITY

I WILL GIVE YOU A HOME

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MAN CANNOT STOP THE PLANS GOD HAS

THE PLANS ARE NOT FOR DISASTER

THE PLANS ARE FOR FUTURE AND HOPE

