

Falling in Love With Our City

Jer 29:11-14 (NASB)

11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

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 search for Me with all your heart.

14 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

Jer 29:4-7 (NASB)

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

5 'Build houses and live *in them*; and plant gardens and eat their produce.

6 'Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

7 'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Jer 29:7 (MSG) "Make yourselves at home there and work for the country's welfare. "Pray for Babylon's well-being. If things go well for Babylon, things will go well for you."

Jer 29:7 (NLT) 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."

Last week I believe the Lord spoke to me:

"Boomerang needs to fall in love with the city."

Always the mission:

Gen 1:26-28 (NASB)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Mat 5:13-16 (NASB)

13 "You are the salt of the earth [*soil*]; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world [*or the order of the world*]. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light **to all** who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Heart of Jesus & The Father To His City:

Mat 23:37 (NASB) "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

We are to oversee the transactions & commerce:

Gen 22:16-18 (NASB)

16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall **possess the gate** of their enemies.

18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

God doesn't want us to force His ways:

Luk 16:9 (NASB) "And I say to you, **make friends** for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

We can't make friends without loving them:

Jhn 15:13-14 (NASB)

13 "Greater **love** has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his **friends**.

14 "You are My friends IF you do what I command you.

Let's be the friends of Jesus by following His commands to love our city!