

# LET IT ALL FALL DOWN

**BUILDING OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST**

*a study in jeremiah*

## #18 “Keep Calm and Carry On”

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### Sermon Outline Notes

#### Keep Calm and Carry On because GOD IS WITH US

*Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Ps. 23:4-5*

#### I. Jeremiah 29:1-9

<sup>4</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

#### We Keep Calm and Carry On by LIVING RIGHT, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us....<sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:11-12, 17*

#### II. Jeremiah 29:10-14

<sup>10</sup> This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come

and pray to me, and I will listen to you.<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>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.”

## **We Keep Calm and Carry On by HOPING IN GOD FOR OUR FUTURE**

*For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. <sup>24</sup> We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.*

*Romans 8:22-24 NLT*

### **III. Jeremiah 29:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> You may say, “The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,”... <sup>19</sup> For they have not listened to my words,” declares the LORD, “words that I sent to them again and again by my servants the prophets. And you exiles have not listened either,” declares the LORD. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>21</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are prophesying lies to you in my name: “I will deliver them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will put them to death before your very eyes.<sup>22</sup> Because of them, all the exiles from Judah who are in Babylon will use this curse: ‘May the LORD treat you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon burned in the fire.’” <sup>23</sup> For they have done outrageous things in Israel; they have committed adultery with their neighbors’ wives, and in my name they have uttered lies—which I did not authorize. I know it and am a witness to it,” declares the LORD.

## **We Keep Calm and Carry On by EMBRACING THE ALREADY AND NOT YET**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race*

*God has set before us. <sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. <sup>3</sup> Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.*  
*Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT*