

**Series: Focusing on *Your* Family**  
**Message: Living Life on Purpose**  
**Jeremiah 29:4-14a (5/21/17 AM)**

Life is full of transitions. Graduation is a major celebration and fork in the road. Regrettably, studies reveal that the Church loses 70% students after graduation to our culture with only 30% returning (Lifeway). The “Backdoor” of our Churches are not much better. How can we change the trend? We need to teach our children, youth, and members how to *Live Life of Purpose!* Jeremiah, speaking to the exiled remnant in Babylon, instructs us how. As we celebrate our Graduates, let’s explore God’s Pathway to purposeful success.

**1<sup>st</sup> Pledge your life to the Lord (1:5)** *“Before I formed you...I knew you”*  
*Make Jesus your life and you will enjoy life*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Plant your life where you live (5)** *“Build houses and dwell in them...”*  
*You are the Church wherever God places you*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Pursue the love of your life (6)** *“Take wives and begat sons...”*  
*God has someone for you... wait on them*

**4<sup>th</sup> Promote the life of others (7)** *“Seek the peace of the city...”*  
*Use your influence for His Kingdom*

**5<sup>th</sup> Protect your life from Satan (8-9)** *“Do not let your prophets...deceive”*  
*Look at life through the lens of a Biblical Worldview*

**6<sup>th</sup> Pray to the Lord of life (12)** *“Call upon Me and go and pray to Me...”*  
*Your relationship with the Father will direct and sustain you*

**7<sup>th</sup> Rest in God’s Plans for your life (11)** *“To give you a future and a hope”*  
*Even when life doesn’t make sense remember God has a plan*

**8<sup>th</sup> Discover His Purposes for life (13)** *“Search for Me with all your heart...”*  
*God’s purposes and your fulfillment are synonymous*

**Application to life:** Today, we applaud the accomplishments of our graduates. Our underlying message to you is not to *run from God but to run to God* as you prepare for life through college or tech school. To our students and families, develop or deepen your relationship with Christ and Biblical Worldview. It alone will enable you to navigate the treacherous waters we call life. “Know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope!” Jeremiah 29:11