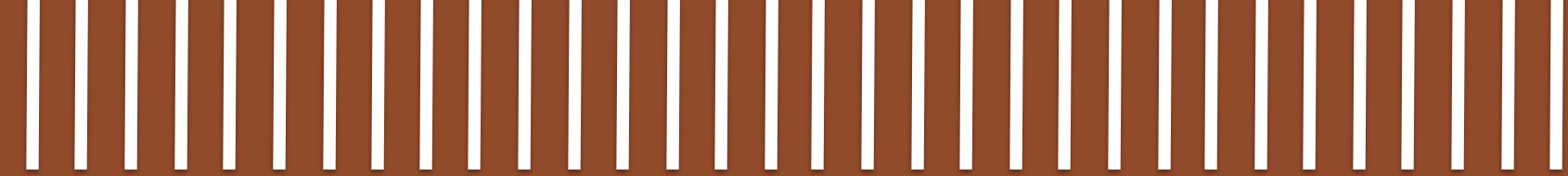




A SERMON SERIES ABOUT
COMING HOME



GOD'S PEOPLE RETURNED-LIFE IN EXILE

BEGINNING WITH A RECAP

- ❖ Very first exile in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve; Gen 4-Cain
- ❖ Israel finds themselves in Babylon, a foreign land –exile
- ❖ The whole bible addresses this issue
- ❖ Exile is a biblical condition-separation from God due to sin
 - Yearning for restoration, a sense of belonging, and a way to return home.
 - Hope for redemption after disobedience and displacement
 - Psalm 137 speaks to how the Israelites were feeling



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ISRAEL IN BABYLON-DANIEL

- ❖ The Babylonians took the Israelites as prisoners
- ❖ Daniel offers insights into how to live like exiles
- ❖ Minority in a foreign land, new culture and new gods
- ❖ Some revolted, some gave in and adopted the Babylonian gods
- ❖ Are these our only options?
- ❖ Jeremiah –live life, seek the well-being of Babylon, pray to God for them; don't revolt or compromise.
- ❖ Daniel's story gives us the template for living in this tension



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- ❖ They served Babylon and sought its well-being but were faithful to YHWH



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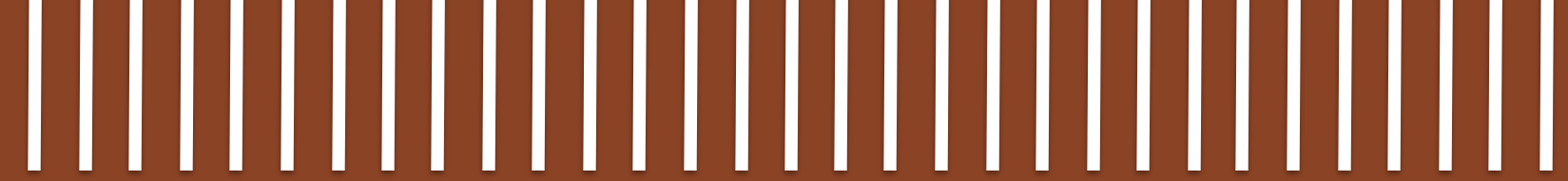
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- ❖ Dan 12:13- one day, an inheritance will be rewarded
- ❖ GO YOUR WAY TILL THE END!



GROW



NEXT WEEK

EZEKIEL-SPEAKING LIFE TO
THE DEAD

