



DAY 16



A FUTURE AND A HOPE

**You will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me with all your heart.**

Jeremiah 29:13

How wonderful it is that we serve the God who can be found. Who wants to be searched for. Who tells His people, "Search for Me with all your heart." He promises in the same breath, "You will find Me." God is not hiding from you, not withholding your hope or your future (Jer. 29:11), but He does want you to search.

Having three kids ages five and under often means important things get lost. The urgency in which we approach the search usually depends on the seeker's level of desire that the item be found. Can we distract the toddler with a different race car than the one he bought yesterday? Will our youngest be pacified with a snack?

But the search is different when time limits and real need create urgency. Lose a shoe when it's time to leave? Lose the keys and your appointment is in 30 minutes? In those times, finding is vitally important.

Seeking is not passive. It's active. Looking for something requires moving other objects out of the way, retracing our steps, staying focused, and often, getting others to help in the search!

Seek Him. Rearrange your schedule. Cut out the distractions. Have a plan. Join others.

The hope and future we search for by our own means will not be achieved when we reach greener pastures, longed-for child landmarks of independence, or another financial milestone of higher prosperity. The hope and future our hearts desire lie ultimately in HIM. Seek Me. And find hope. Seek Me. Find your future. I will be found by you.

Is your seeking active or passive?

What distractions can you remove to seek Him faithfully “with all your heart”?

Are you looking for “a hope and a future” apart from Him?

Father, thank you for the invitation to seek you. Give me urgency as I look for You. Give me a hunger for Your Word. Let my hope and my future be You. I want to search for You with all my heart.

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