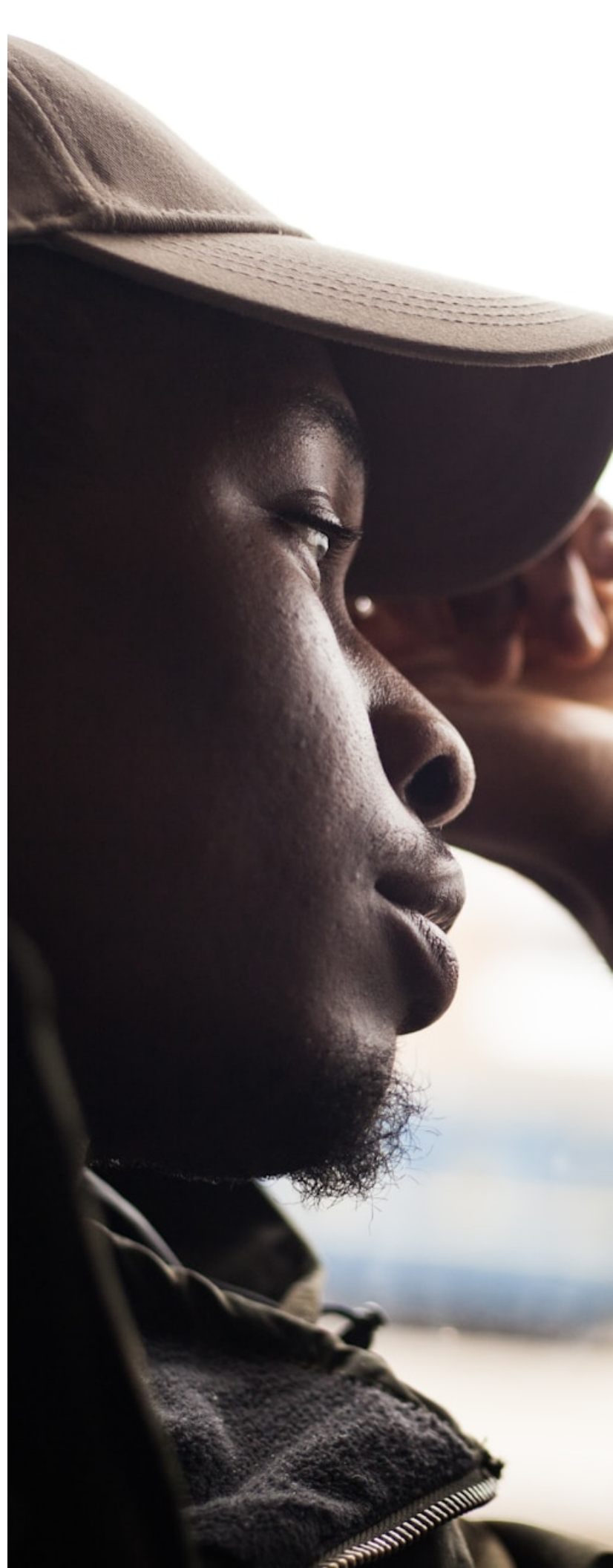
A long, straight road stretches into the distance under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The road is dark and wet, with white dashed lines in the center and solid lines on the sides. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon where the sun is setting or rising. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

EXILE: GROWING IN THE WAITING

NAMING THE STRUGGLE

Have you ever
felt displaced or
stuck—like
you're living in a
chapter of your
story that
doesn't quite fit?

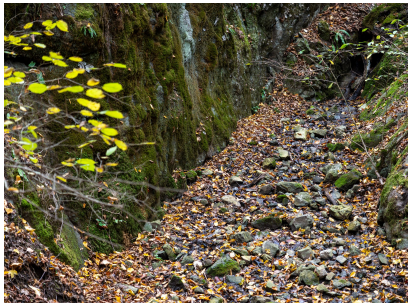


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*You are not
abandoned; you
are being set apart
for something
greater.*

— Anonymous

DEFINING EXILE: A NEW PERSPECTIVE



Exile Isn't Rejection

Sometimes, feeling out of place means being positioned for growth.



Set Apart for a Season

We may be set aside, not cast off. God works in the waiting.



Purpose in the Pause

Every season—even exile—can have meaning and opportunity.

LESSONS FROM BIBLICAL EXILE: JEREMIAH 29

- God's people were taken captive to Babylon—far from home.
- Jeremiah brings a message of hope, not despair.
- God promises, "I know the plans I have for you..."

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“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.”

— Jeremiah 29:11

DON'T PRESS PAUSE ON GROWTH

Even in exile, God called His people to keep living and growing. Don't let difficult seasons stop your development.

**BUILDING,
PLANTING &
INVESTING:
FLOURISH
WHERE YOU
ARE**

- Build relationships—connect with others, even in unfamiliar places.
- Plant seeds—embrace growth, learn new things.
- Invest in faithfulness—give your best, even if it feels small.

GOD'S PLANS: HOPE & RESTORATION



God Sees You

Nothing is hidden from Him—even your struggles.



Restoration is Promised

God's plans are for good—even if you don't see it yet.

TEMPORARY SEASONS, ETERNAL HOPE

Exile isn't forever. God's promises outlast any season—and our hope is rooted in His faithfulness.

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*“When everything
seems to be going
against you,
remember that the
airplane takes off
against the wind,
not with it.”*

— Henry Ford

REFLECTION: PAUSE & CONSIDER

- Which area of your life feels exiled or on hold?
- How might God use this season to shape you?
- What 'building' or 'planting' step can you take today?

PERSONAL ACTION: CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS



Embrace Today

Take one faithful step,
even if the destination isn't
clear.



Stay Connected

Don't isolate—community
helps us flourish in every
season.

ENCOURAGEMENT: KEEP GOING

Restoration is coming. The season you're in is shaping your story. Don't quit—God is working, even now.

