



**Series: Embracing the Truth About How We Got Here
(Embracing a Mature Attitude)**

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Series Summary

1. They Needed to Embrace a New Reality
2. They Needed to Embrace a Mature Attitude
3. They Needed to Embrace the Truth About Some Religious Leaders
4. They Needed to Embrace a New Timeline

**The Need to Embrace a Mature Attitude
(God Is in This Season)**

Jeremiah 29:7

- 7 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.”

Review From Our Part 1 Discussion:

- **Question:** Can you be mature when things are unfair?
- **Side Question:** Can you take the “long view” during complex seasons?
- **Personal Observation:** We need to work to raise our natural and spiritual children to be mature thinkers that see the long view.

Maturity Described and Not Applied

I. Maturity Described

1. Mature People Accept What Cannot Be Changed Today

- A. They were more than likely going to **die in slavery**
- B. They were **not going to receive a great deliverance** for seventy years
- C. They were **laying a foundation someone else would benefit** from

2. Mature People Invest with Tomorrow in Mind

- A. **Seek prosperity** while in captivity (Make the most of this season)
- B. **See God’s hand** in this season (“I have carried you into exile”)
- C. Remember **your prosperity is linked** to the world around you (v7)

3. Mature People Have Action Plans for The Future

- A. We must be **prepared to manage this season** longer than we planned or desired
- B. We must **find creative ways to negotiate** this season without fear
- C. We must **learn from this season** and pass this wisdom to the next generation

II. Maturity not Applied

1. Some people would rather **take the risk** of death than change
2. Some people would rather **play doctor** than seek advice from a professional
3. Some religious people would **rather gather with** no precautions than live
4. Some people would rather **die broke** than repent and change their approach to living
5. Some people would rather **sacrifice their spiritual message** for a political preference

Next Time: The Need to Embrace the Truth About Some Religious Leaders