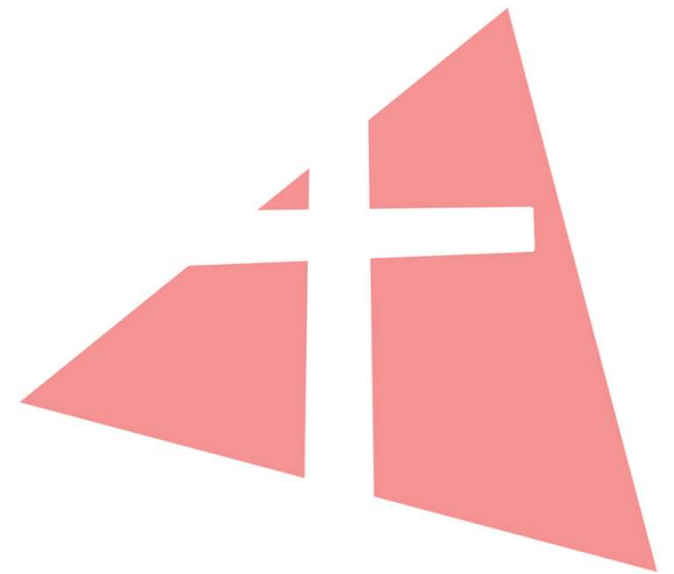


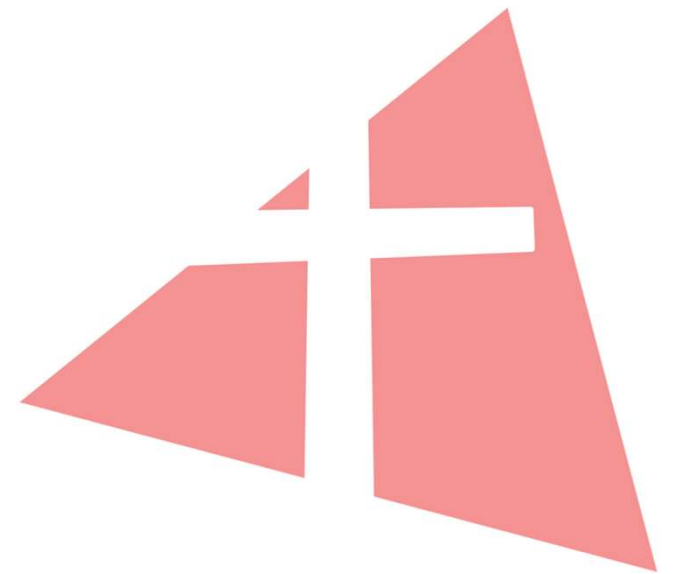
Where's my Home?

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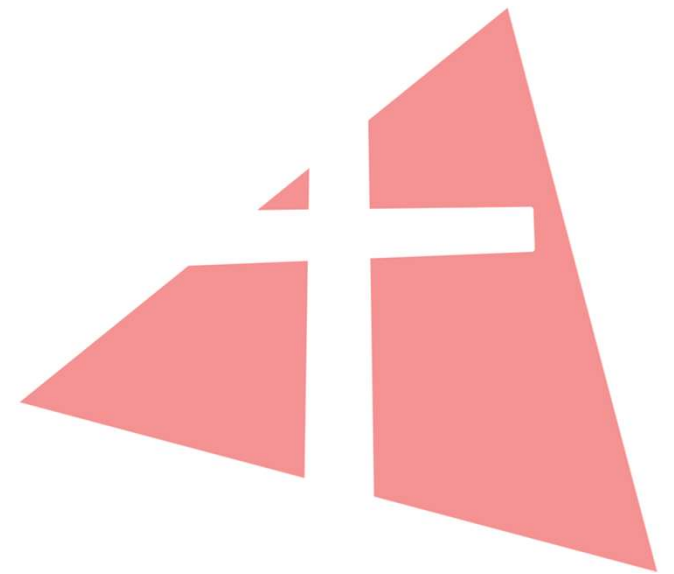
Our Focus Today

- **Where's my Home?**



What are we looking for?

- Relationships
- Peace
- Security
- Rest
- Provisions



God's Promises

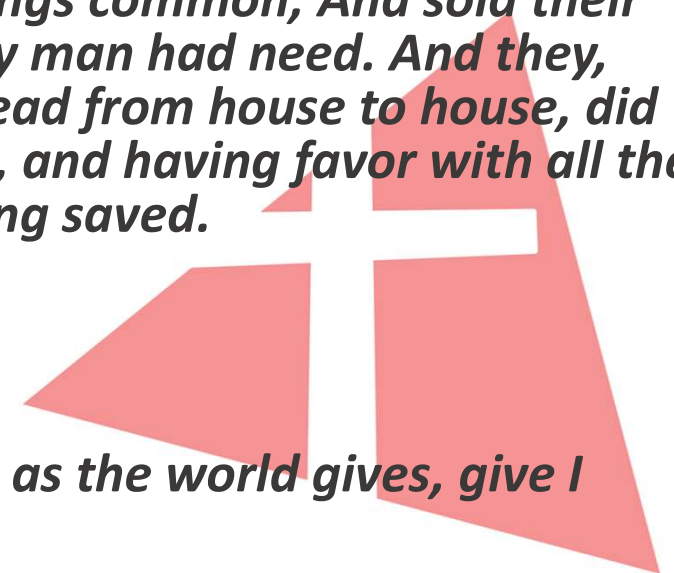
○ Relationships

John 15:15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Acts 2:44-47 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.

○ Peace

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



God's Promises

- Security

Psalm 91:1-8 He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings shall you trust: his truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked.

God's Promises

- Rest

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Provisions

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



God and our Home

- We can find everything we are looking for in a home in God's promises
- Elevating an "earthly home" above God is offensive to God
 - It's a sign of unbelief

James 4:4 You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.



Our True Citizenship

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven; from which also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:



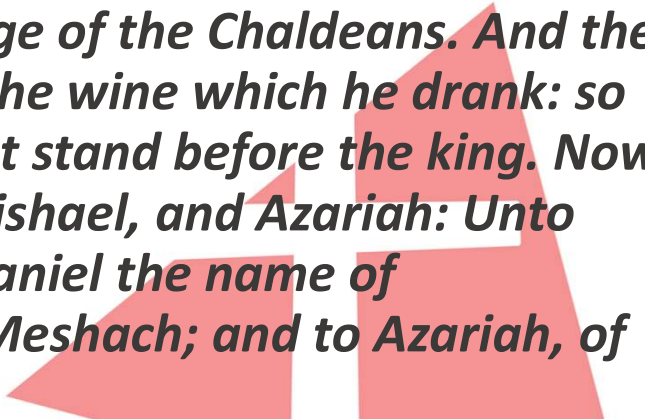
David

1 Chronicles 29:14-15 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? for all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are strangers before you, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding.



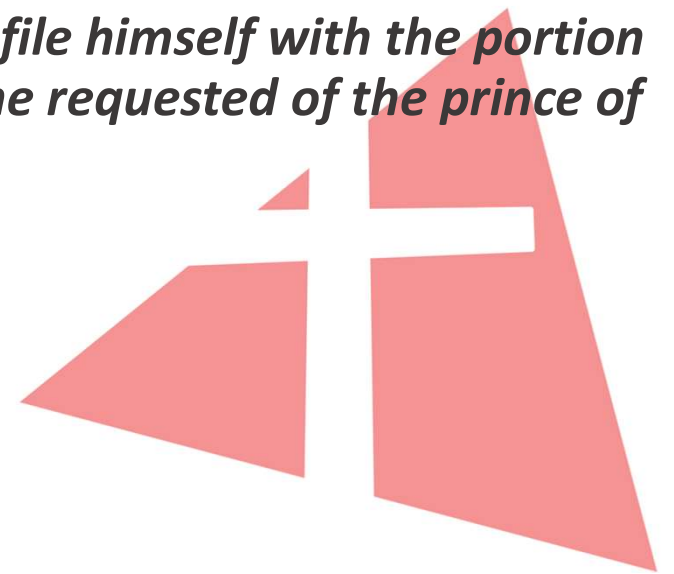
Daniel in Exile

Daniel 1:3-7 And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's descendants, and of the princes; Young men in whom was no blemish, but handsome, and skilful in all wisdom, and gifted in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the language of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's food, and of the wine which he drank: so training them three years, that at the end of that time they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.



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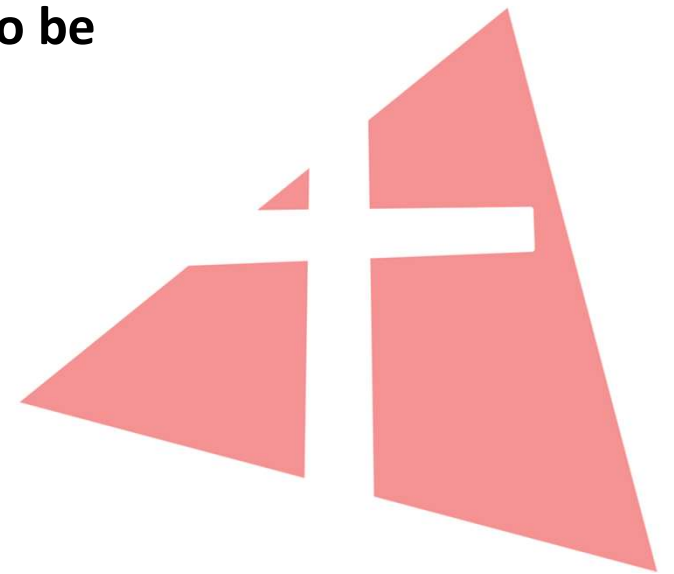
Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.



Nehemiah in Exile

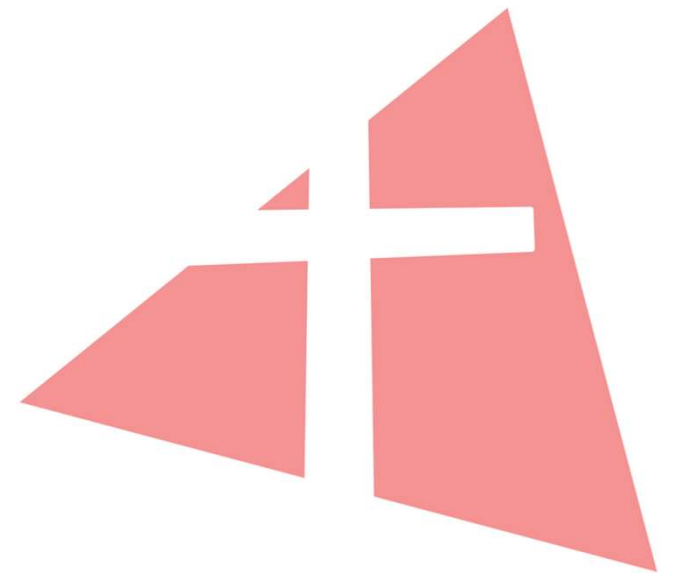
- Nehemiah considered home the place where God called him to be

Nehemiah 1:11 ... For I was the king's cupbearer.



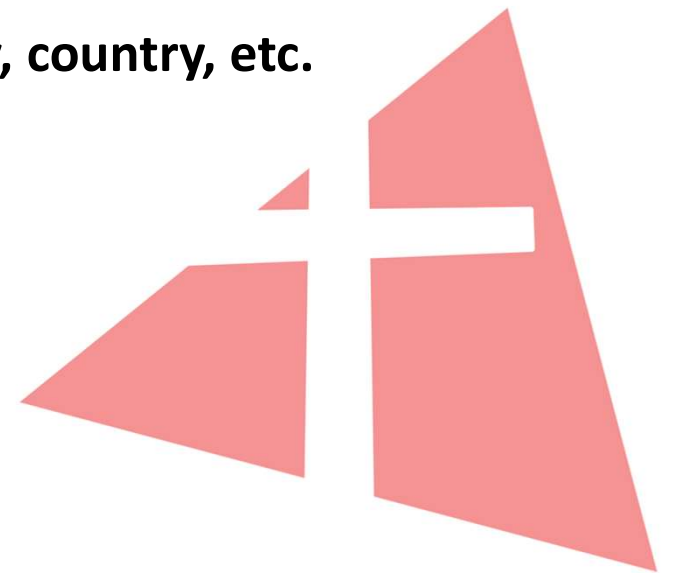
The Examples from the Bible

- **Be part of the society where you live**
- **Stay away from sin**
- **Consider the place you live your temporary earthly home**



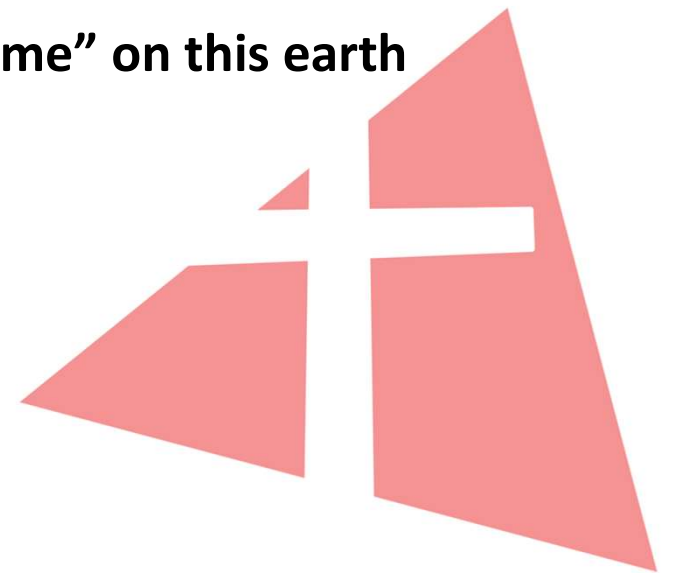
Where's our Home?

- **We should not seek our home in a specific place, building, city, country, etc.**
- **Instead, we should seek God where He wants us to live**



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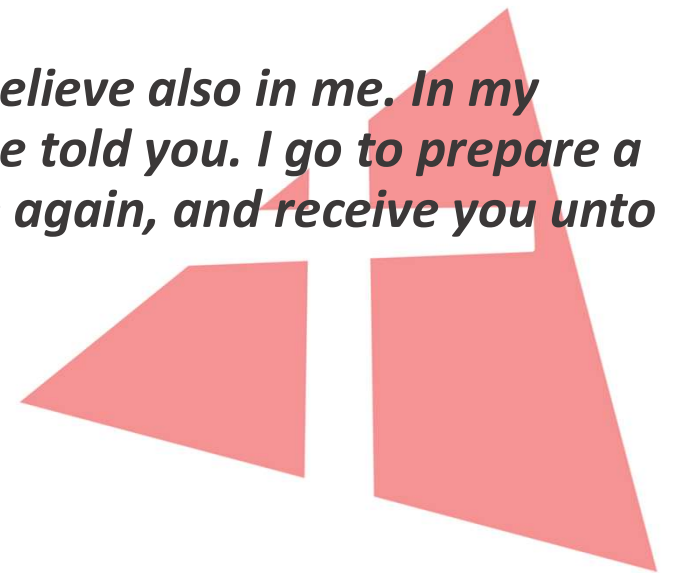
- **When we do God's will, He also provides an experience of "home" on this earth**
- **Wherever you are, find a Church Community**



Hope

- When we do God's will on this earth, we will be welcomed to our eternal home as well

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



In Conclusion

- **Our home is not a place on earth**
- **Our home is in heaven**
- **We can find glimpses of that home with God and with the Church Community**

