



Week 4
March 31, 2019

“In the Meantime”

1. Living as “aliens” and “exiles” is the normative experience of the people of God in this present world.

Patriarchs, Joseph, Moses, Israel in the wilderness, Judah in Exile, Jesus, the NT reality, Believers throughout history, Today

2. God has a plan for how his people are to survive and thrive as we live *“in the meantime”*

Five consistent elements of God’s *“In the Meantime”* plan. We are to live:

- ♦ By faith Hebrews 11
- ♦ Faithful in everything 1 Pet. 2, Colossians 3:22-24
- ♦ Incarnationally present John 1:14, Jeremiah 29:4-7
- ♦ Respectfully resisting assimilation Romans 12:1-2, I Thessalonians 4:3-8
- ♦ Sacrificially loving our enemies Jeremiah 29:7, Matthew 5:44-45