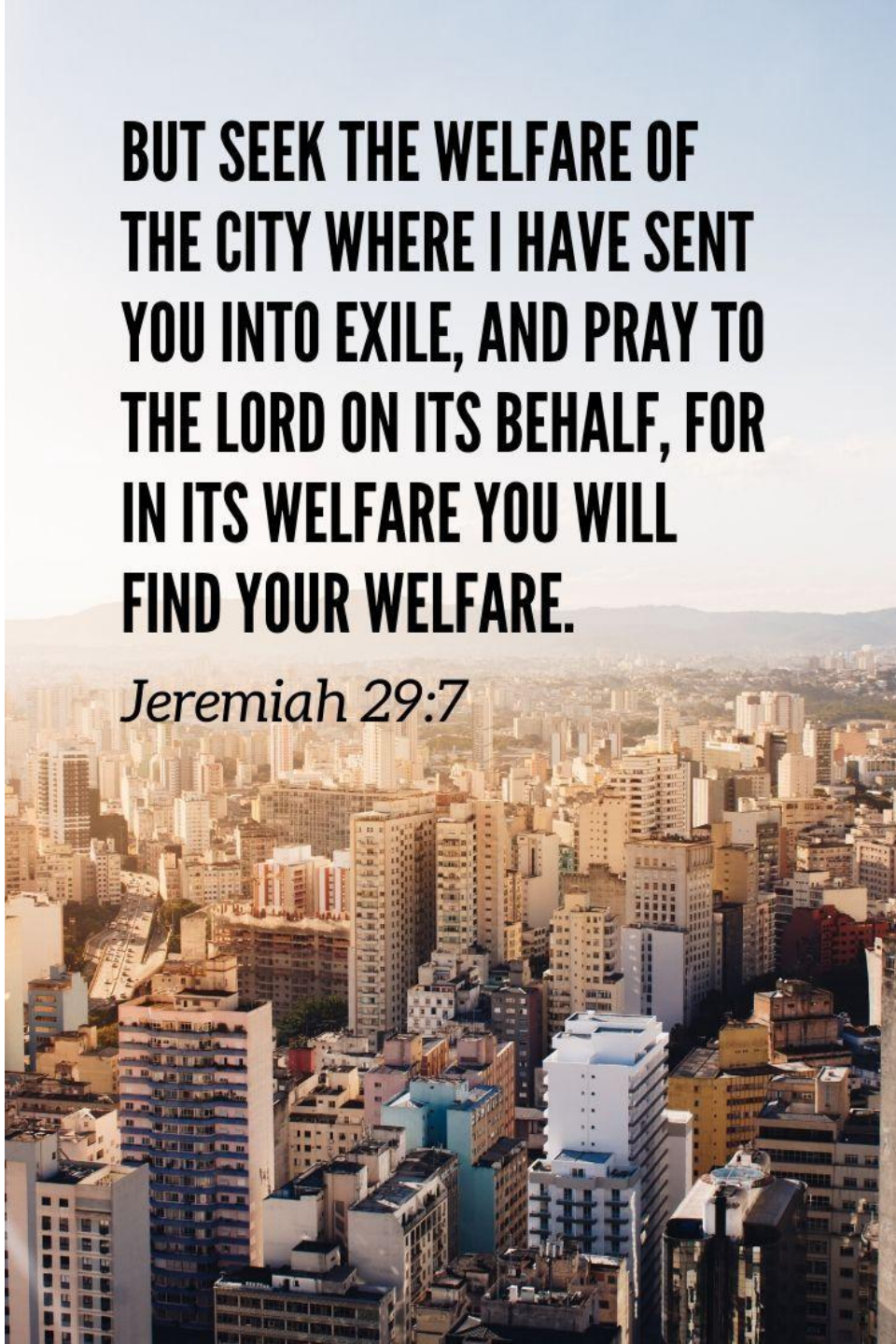


**BUT SEEK THE WELFARE OF  
THE CITY WHERE I HAVE SENT  
YOU INTO EXILE, AND PRAY TO  
THE LORD ON ITS BEHALF, FOR  
IN ITS WELFARE YOU WILL  
FIND YOUR WELFARE.**

*Jeremiah 29:7*



Pay careful attention,  
then, to how you  
walk — not as  
unwise people  
but as wise —  
making the most of  
the time,  
because the days  
are evil.

*Ephesians 5:15-16*



# Christianity & Culture: *Stances*

	Passive	Active
Negative	<b>Refuge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Flight</i></li><li>- Preserve Holiness</li><li>- Purity</li></ul>	<b>Confrontation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Fight</i></li><li>- Enforce Justice</li><li>- Power</li></ul>
Positive	<b>Cooperation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Reconcile</i></li><li>- Keep Peace</li><li>- Love</li></ul>	<b>Transformation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Renew</i></li><li>- Be a Light</li><li>- Truth</li></ul>

# Christianity & Culture: *Examples*


	Passive	Active
Negative	<b>Refuge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Essenes, remnant</i></li><li>• Persecuted church</li><li>• Monasteries, retreats</li><li>• Homeschool</li></ul>	<b>Confrontation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Prophets, Zealots</i></li><li>• Reformers</li><li>• Wilberforce, MLK Jr.</li><li>• Politics, protest</li></ul>
Positive	<b>Cooperation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sadducees, Priests</i></li><li>• Hospitals, Recovery</li><li>• Schools, Daycares</li><li>• Thrift stores, food bank</li></ul>	<b>Transformation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Pharisees</i></li><li>• Evangelism, Missions</li><li>• Bible translation</li><li>• Cultural influence</li></ul>



A pixel art illustration of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and pink, with a large white sun setting behind the buildings. The city is composed of various pixelated buildings in shades of purple, pink, and blue. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the title and list.

# Christianity & Culture

- *In the past, how have you typically viewed the church's relationship with the **culture**? Why?*
- *Has this **past year** affected that? How so?*



# Christianity & Government

- *In the past, how have you typically viewed the church's relationship with the government? Why?*
- *Has this past year affected that? How so?*