

A script from



“A Future and a Hope”

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- What** A young graduate struggles with the news that the plans she had are seemingly different than the plans God has (monologue). **Themes:** Prayer, Relationship with God, Disappointment, Graduation, Future, Teens
- Who** Leanna- college-aged
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Folded Letter
Bible
Chair to sit on- optional
- Why** Jeremiah 29:1-14
- How** Although this is a monologue, it is also a conversation with God. Actor pauses between paragraphs as if the character is hearing something in response, and should react (even subtly) to what she hears before speaking. Above all else, the prayer should be honest- so strike a balance between the occasional light-hearted and the truly disappointed.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

A high school graduate, Leanna, enters with an unfolded letter. It is a rejection letter, a response she was not expecting.

Leanna: I didn't get in. *(Long pause; she is shocked.)* I didn't get in. I can't believe this. I didn't get *in*? *(Pause as she skims down the page.)*

What? Did they miss something? I don't understand. *(She turns the page over, as if looking for an explanation)* They made it sound like...

(Sinks down into a chair or the floor) This makes no sense. God, you *told* me I should do this. You've had me training since I was...like... four-years-old. You confirmed it. The whole pastoral team confirmed it. What's going on here? The auditions. The essays. The interviews. Not to mention the years I spent prepping original material...for *this*?

Okay, God. I don't know if you missed something, but *this was my chance*. This is the program that determines everything. What, am I not good enough all of a sudden? Did I not pray enough? Or practice enough?

Do You have any idea what this means? This means whatever plans you had for me, are off the table. This means starting all over again. *If we're still in this together. (Sighs)* Come on, God...a little Jeremiah 29:11 here.

What? *(Skeptical)* Hold on. I'm sure you didn't say that.

The whole chapter? Wait a minute, God. I've been through a lot of Sunday School. I *know* You didn't write the chapter numbers. They did that in the twelve-hundreds under some Archbishop—*(cuts off as if interrupted and stands to get her Bible)* –okay, okay, I'm getting it.

So, Chapter 29...“the letter Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles...to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...” there's a whole lot of exile going on here, God.

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ENDING:

You're right—we're going around in circles. I know your Word says you “long to be gracious” to me. So you must have something else going on. God, You're going to have to help me. I really don't *fee*/like trusting You right now. But You did say You would fulfill your promise—so I'm going to choose to believe You.

Thanks. I know You love me. And I know You're going to do something I haven't even thought of. *(Stands up and starts to walk out)* ...God? This waiting thing... we'd better have this down by the time I'm seventy.

Lights out.