

Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon

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Discover What's Working and Find Hope

Negative perceptions. Church dropouts. Prodigals and nomads. It's easy to get discouraged by all that's going wrong when it comes to Christianity and the emerging generation. Yet what's going right? In fact, signs of hope are springing up all around. In Faith for Exiles, the author of unChristian and You Lost Me unveils major new Barna research that uncovers what's working--five practices that contribute to resilience. Enter the world of resilient young adult Christians and learn how they are sustaining faith. Finally, you can find hope in all that God is doing among young disciples today.

Caught Between Cultures

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- ❑ Make sense of chaotic cultural changes and respond with compassion to the next generation of believers
 - ❑ Recognize the biblical concept of exile as an essential framework for following Christ today
 - ❑ Discover five research-based practices that cultivate faithfulness in digital Babylon
 - ❑ Prepare young Christians to be on mission with Jesus in the world
 - ❑ Empower Jesus followers of all ages to thrive in our current exile
- Screens disciple.

The lighted rectangles in our pockets--smartphones and their bigger siblings, tablets and computers--have redefined so much about our lives, including spirituality and the pursuit of God. The ubiquity and power of the interconnected, digital age is affecting how we shape our souls. In other words, screens disciple.

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Just as Scripture says, we can remain confident that God has a bigger picture in mind for those in exile. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

* Jeremiah 29:11 David Kinnaman has authored several books, including unChristian, You Lost Me, and Good Faith. His day job consists of leading Barna, a leading research company based in Ventura, California, and Atlanta, Georgia. David's work as a researcher and "professional listener" has led his team to interview nearly 1.5 million individuals since he began working for Barna as an intern in 1995.

Mark Matlock has written more than twenty books for teens and for parents. He is the principal at WisdomWorks, a consulting firm that helps Christian leaders leverage the transforming power of wisdom to accomplish their mission. Mark is the former executive director for Youth Specialties (YS) and creator of the PlanetWisdom student conferences. David Kinnaman is coauthor of unChristian, You Lost Me, and Good Faith. He is president of Barna Group, a leading research and communications company that works with churches, nonprofits, and businesses ranging from film studios to financial services. Since 1995, David has directed interviews with more than one million individuals and overseen hundreds of U.S. and global research studies. He and his wife live in California with their three children.

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