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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 10

Fire From the Throne, Glory at the Gate

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 10:4

"Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 10

This week you watch the glory of God step slowly toward the door of His own house. It is a hard picture, but a hopeful one: God is patient, His throne still rules, and His glory came back in Jesus to stay with all who trust Him. Ask Him to clear out whatever crowds Him in your life.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

The Throne Above the City

READ · EZEKIEL 10:1–2

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Ezekiel see above the cherubim (v1), and what is the man in linen told to do (v2)?

REFLECT

Before the fire falls, Ezekiel is shown a throne (v1). When your life feels like it is burning, what difference does it make to remember who sits on the throne?

REFLECT

The man in linen "entered in my sight" (v2) without arguing. What hard thing has God handed you that you have been slow to carry?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one thing today you know God has asked of you and have been putting off.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 10:4)

DAY 2 OF 5

Glory in the Court

READ · EZEKIEL 10:3–8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What filled the inner court and the court (vv3–4), and what did the sound of the wings resemble (v5)?

REFLECT

The priests stood in the court and missed the glory, while an exile far away saw it. What keeps a man who is in church from actually seeing God?

REFLECT

The same fire that cleansed Isaiah's lips burns Jerusalem here (vv2, 7). What decides whether God's holiness cleanses you or consumes you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend ten quiet minutes with no phone, asking God to let you see Him as He is.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Wheels and Eyes

READ · EZEKIEL 10:9–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How are the wheels described in vv9–13, and what four faces does each cherub have (v14)?

REFLECT

The wheels move in any direction without turning (v11). What does a throne on wheels say to a man who feels God is stuck somewhere far from him?

REFLECT

Everything is "full of eyes all around" (v12). Is it a comfort or a threat to you that God sees everything, and why?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one place you are this week (a cell, a job, a house) and thank God that His throne reaches there.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 10:4)

DAY 4 OF 5

The Glory Moves to the Gate

READ · EZEKIEL 10:15–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where does the glory go in v18, and where do the cherubim stop in v19?

REFLECT

God lingered at the threshold and at the gate before He left (vv4, 18–19). What does that tell you about His patience with you?

REFLECT

The glory left a house crowded with idols (ch. 8). Your body is His temple now. What has crowded into the courts of your life?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one idol (a screen, a substance, approval, control) and take one concrete step today to clear it out.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 10:4)

DAY 5 OF 5

Straight Ahead

READ · EZEKIEL 10:20–22

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Ezekiel finally know about the living beings (v20), and how do they move (v22)?

REFLECT

“Each one went straight ahead” (v22). Where do you need to trust that God's plan is still moving forward, even when things are falling apart?

REFLECT

Ezekiel recognized what he had seen before at the river Chebar (vv20, 22). How has God shown Himself to you before in ways you need to remember now?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one time God came through for you, and tell one other man about it this week.

❒ READ IT ❒ PRAYED IT ❒ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 10:4)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Why do you think only Ezekiel, the exile, saw the glory while the worshipers in the court missed it (vv3–4)?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

What are signs that God's presence has stepped out of a ministry or a life that keeps going through the motions (vv18–19)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How does the glory's return in Ezekiel 43 and in Jesus give hope to a man who thinks God has left him for good (v22)?

MY PRAYER

God Almighty, clear the idols out of the courts of my heart so Your glory has room to dwell, and…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 10:4

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