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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 2

Stand on Your Feet: Sent to Rebels

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 2:2

"As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 2

Ezekiel was face down when God told him to stand — and then God's own Spirit stood him up. This week, let the Lord lift you, send you, and fill your mouth with His words, whether anyone listens or not.

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

Stand Up

READ · EZEKIEL 2:1–2

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did God tell Ezekiel to do, and what did the Spirit do as God spoke (vv. 1–2)?

REFLECT

God called Ezekiel "son of man" — a mere human (v. 1). How does it help you to know God speaks to ordinary, weak men?

REFLECT

Where in your life have you stayed down on the ground — after a fall, a relapse, a loss — because you didn't think you could get up?

RESPOND — TODAY

Stand up out loud today: get on your feet and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to obey one thing He has asked of you.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 2:2)

DAY 2 OF 5

Sent to a Rebellious House

READ · EZEKIEL 2:3–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does God describe the people Ezekiel is sent to, and what one sentence is he to say to them (vv. 3–4)?

REFLECT

They were "stubborn and obstinate" (v. 4) — Taylor calls it 'hard of face and firm of heart.' Where do you see that hardness in yourself toward God?

REFLECT

God measured Ezekiel by faithfulness, not results (v. 5). Where have you been keeping score — of who listens, who changes, who thanks you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Think of one person you've given up on. Pray for him by name, and leave the results with God.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 2:2)

DAY 3 OF 5

Courage Among Scorpions

READ · EZEKIEL 2:6–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How many times does God say “fear” or “be dismayed” in verse 6, and what are the thistles, thorns and scorpions?

REFLECT

Whose faces or words make you shrink back from doing what is right (v. 6)?

REFLECT

God said, “you shall speak My words” (v. 7). What makes it hard for you to say what God says instead of what people want to hear?

RESPOND — TODAY

Say one true, kind, needed thing today that you have been afraid to say.

❐ READ IT ❐ PRAYED IT ❐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 2:2)

DAY 4 OF 5

Don’t Become What You Preach Against

READ · EZEKIEL 2:8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What two things does God command Ezekiel in verse 8 before He hands him anything?

REFLECT

God warned His own messenger, “do not be rebellious like that rebellious house” (v. 8). Where might you be quick to see rebellion in others and slow to see it in you?

REFLECT

What would it look like for you to “open your mouth and eat” God’s Word this week instead of just reading it (v. 8)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Confess to God one area where you have been stubborn with Him. Then read one chapter of Scripture slowly, as a meal.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 2:2)

DAY 5 OF 5

A Scroll of Woe

READ · EZEKIEL 2:9–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Describe the scroll: where it came from, how it was written, and what was written on it (vv. 9–10).

REFLECT

The scroll was full of "lamentations, mourning and woe" (v. 10). Why do you think God gives hard words before He gives comfort?

REFLECT

What hard word from God have you been avoiding because it is not what you want to hear?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one hard truth from Scripture you need to accept this week, and thank Jesus that He bore the woe for you.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 2:2)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

What does it mean that God's command to stand came with His Spirit's power to stand (v. 2)? Where have you seen that happen?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

How can we encourage each other to stay faithful when the people we serve don't seem to listen (vv. 5, 7)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Ezekiel had to take in the scroll before he could speak it (v. 8). What helps you take God's Word all the way inside?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, I'm only a son of man, so stand me on my feet by Your Spirit and give me courage to...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 2:2

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