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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 33

The Watchman on the Wall: Turn and Live

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 33:11

"Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'"

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 33

This week God calls you up onto the wall. He asks you to warn the men He puts in your path, to turn back yourself wherever you have drifted, and to stop being a man who only enjoys hearing the Word. Underneath it all is a God who swears by His own life that He wants you to live.

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

Up on the Wall

READ · EZEKIEL 33:1–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

According to verses 4–6, whose head does the blood fall on when the watchman warns, and whose hand is it required from when he stays silent?

REFLECT

Who are the men God has put on your wall right now, and what sword do you see coming toward any of them (v7)?

REFLECT

What usually keeps you quiet when you see trouble coming for someone — fear of rejection, not wanting to look self-righteous, or something else (v6)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one man you need to warn this week. Pray for him by name, then talk to him plainly and kindly — and leave his response with God (v9).

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 33:11)

DAY 2 OF 5

As I Live

READ · EZEKIEL 33:10–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What exactly did the exiles say about themselves in verse 10, and what two things does God say back to them in verse 11?

REFLECT

Where have you said something like “we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?” about your own life (v10)?

REFLECT

What changes in you when you hear that God swears by His own life that He takes no pleasure in your death (v11)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write verse 11 on a card and carry it. Every time shame tells you it is too late, read it out loud and answer, ‘Then I will turn and live.’

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DAY 3 OF 5

Turn Around

READ · EZEKIEL 33:12–20

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the actions in verse 15 that show a wicked man has really turned. What does verse 16 say happens to his past sins?

REFLECT

Is there a pledge you need to restore or something taken that you need to pay back, as verse 15 describes? What would that look like this month?

REFLECT

Why is it dangerous to trust in your own good record, the way the man in verse 13 does?

RESPOND — TODAY

Take one concrete step of restitution or obedience today. Then thank Jesus that in Him your sins are remembered no more (v16; 1 John 1:9).

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DAY 4 OF 5

Promises Are Not a Shield

READ · EZEKIEL 33:21–29

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the people living in the ruins say about Abraham in verse 24, and what sins does God list in verses 25–26?

REFLECT

Where have you heard men — or yourself — use a promise of God as cover for living however they want (vv24–26)?

REFLECT

God opened Ezekiel's mouth the evening before the bad news came (v22). How have you seen God prepare you before a hard day arrived?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God to show you one area where you have been claiming His promise without walking in His ways. Confess it to Him, and to a brother you trust.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Doers, Not Just Hearers

READ · EZEKIEL 33:30–33

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does verse 32 describe the way the people saw Ezekiel, and what did they fail to do with what they heard (vv31–32)?

REFLECT

What is one thing you have heard clearly from God's Word in this study — or in the last year — that you have not yet done (v31)?

REFLECT

What does your heart tend to go after instead of obedience — gain, comfort, approval (v31)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick the one thing you named and do it before you sleep tonight. Pray: 'Lord, make me a doer, not just a hearer.'

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

When has someone been a faithful watchman for you — and how did you respond to his warning (33:3–5)?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

How do you tell the difference between a man who has truly turned and one who is only sorry he got caught (33:14–16)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

What would change in our group if every man left each week with one thing he was actually going to do (33:31–32)?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You swore by Your own life that You want me to live, so today I turn back from …

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 33:11

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