SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 35

Against Mount Seir: The LORD Was There

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 35:10

"Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them,' although the LORD was there,"

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 35

This short chapter goes straight at the heart: old grudges, quiet envy, and the ugly pleasure of watching someone who hurt us go down. This week God invites you to hand Him every one of those, and to trust that when your life looks empty and ruined, He is still there.

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

When God Sets His Face

READ · EZEKIEL 35:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What three things does God say He will do to Mount Seir in verses 3–4, and what does He say Edom will finally know?

REFLECT

Why do you think God answers Edom Himself instead of sending Israel to fight back (vv2–3)?

REFLECT

Where are you tempted to be the avenger instead of letting God deal with someone (v3)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name the person you most want to see 'get what's coming.' Hand that person to God in prayer and say, 'You deal with it, Lord, not me.'

❒ READ IT ❒ PRAYED IT ❒ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 35:10)

DAY 2 OF 5

The Long Grudge

READ · EZEKIEL 35:5–6

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

According to verse 5, what kind of hatred did Edom have, and when did Edom strike Israel?

REFLECT

What grudge have you carried the longest — a family wound, a betrayal, a man you have written off (v5)?

REFLECT

Verse 6 says bloodshed would pursue the one who did not hate it. How has bitterness or payback come back around on you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the grudge you named. Tell God the truth about the hurt, then ask Him for the willingness to forgive, even if you are not there yet.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 35:10)

DAY 3 OF 5

Where Hatred Leads

READ · EZEKIEL 35:7–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the places in verse 8 where the slain will fall, and what verse 9 says will happen to Edom's cities.

REFLECT

What has your own anger cost you — relationships, freedom, years (vv7–9)?

REFLECT

How does Jesus break the cycle of payback that ends in "an everlasting desolation" (v9)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask one brother in your group to pray with you this week about the anger you carry, and be honest with him about it.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 35:10)

DAY 4 OF 5

The LORD Was There

READ · EZEKIEL 35:10–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Edom say in verse 10 and verse 12, and how does God answer at the end of verse 13?

REFLECT

Where does your life look like a ruin right now, the way Judah did to Edom (v10)? What does it mean that "the LORD was there"?

REFLECT

God says, "I have heard it" (v13). Does it comfort you or unsettle you that God hears every word — including yours?

RESPOND — TODAY

Read verse 10 slowly and pray over the empty or broken place in your life: 'Lord, You are here. This belongs to You.'

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 35:10)

DAY 5 OF 5

No Gloating

READ · EZEKIEL 35:14–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Edom rejoice over in verse 15, and what did God say He would do in return?

REFLECT

When someone who hurt you falls — arrested, exposed, broke, relapsed — what is your first honest reaction (v15)?

REFLECT

What would it look like to pray for that person instead of celebrating his trouble?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray by name, out loud, for someone who wronged you. Ask God to bring him to Jesus, and leave the judging to God (Rom 12:19).

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 35:10)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Why do you think God cares so much about how we treat a brother on his worst day (35:5)?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Where have you seen bitterness or payback pursue the man who carried it (35:6)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How can our group help one another notice and let go of grudges before they grow for years (35:5, 11)?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You hear everything and You are still here, so I hand You the grudge I have carried against …

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 35:10

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