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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 41

The Holy Place: The Table Before the LORD

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 41:22

"The altar was of wood, three cubits high and its length two cubits; its corners, its base and its sides were of wood. And he said to me, This is the table that is before the LORD."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 41

This week God walks me right up to the door of His holy place and shows me what is at the center of His house. Ezekiel had to stand at the doorway; because of Jesus, I get to come in. Ask Him to show you what sits at the center of your own house, and come close.

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

At the Doorway

READ · EZEKIEL 41:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where did the guide take Ezekiel first (v1), where did the guide go alone (v3), and what did he call the inner room (v4)?

REFLECT

Ezekiel could look into the most holy place but not walk in (vv3–4). What keeps me standing at the doorway with God instead of coming in?

REFLECT

Jesus opened the way into God's presence with His own blood (Heb 10:19–22). How does knowing what it cost change the way I come to God?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend ten unhurried minutes in prayer today, and begin by thanking Jesus by name for opening the door.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 41:22)

DAY 2 OF 5

Strong Walls

READ · EZEKIEL 41:5–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How many stories and how many rooms on each story did the side chambers have (v6), and how thick were the walls (vv5, 9)?

REFLECT

What walls have I built in my life that are good and needed, like sobriety, a job, or a clean record (vv5–9)?

REFLECT

This house had strong walls, but its whole meaning was God living inside it. Where might my walls look strong while the inner room is empty?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one good wall in your life and one way you will invite Christ deeper into the center of it this week.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Measured to the Cubit

READ · EZEKIEL 41:12–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What measure is repeated three times in verses 13–15?

REFLECT

God measured His house a hundred cubits every way (vv13–14). What does that kind of care say about how He looks after the place He lives?

REFLECT

Where in my life have I been careless with things God calls important, and what would order look like there?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one area of your day, your time, money, or space, and put it in order as an act of worship.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Guarded and Growing

READ · EZEKIEL 41:16–20

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What was carved on the walls, and which two faces did every cherub have (vv18–19)?

REFLECT

Cherubim guard and palm trees grow, side by side on every wall (vv18–20). Where do I need God's protection right now, and where do I need His life to grow?

REFLECT

Do I ever feel like dead wood? What would it mean to believe that God carves life into the walls of His house and guards what He plants?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray Psalm 92:12 over yourself and one other man by name: that you would flourish like the palm tree.

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DAY 5 OF 5

The Table at the Center

READ · EZEKIEL 41:21–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What was the altar made of, how big was it, and what did the guide call it (v22)?

REFLECT

At the heart of the house was a small table before the LORD (v22). What really sits at the center of my house and my day?

REFLECT

The doors of the house were carved like the walls (v25). Jesus said, 'I am the door' (John 10:9). Who do I know who still needs to walk through that door?

RESPOND — TODAY

Set a fixed time and place for prayer tomorrow, your own table before the LORD, and keep it.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Ezekiel stayed at the doorway of the most holy place (41:3–4). What has kept you at the doorway with God, and what has helped you come in?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Which of the walls in your life (41:5–9) are protecting what God is doing, and which are just for show?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

If the men in this group could see the center of your house this week, what would they find at the table (41:22)?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You that I don't have to stand outside Your door anymore, so today I come in and…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 41:22

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