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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 6

The Mountains of Israel: A Remnant Remembers

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 6:9

"Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me"

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 6

This week God points at the hills where His people worshiped other gods, and He tells the truth about what those idols could do: nothing. But in a far country a remnant remembers Him and sees the heart they broke. Ask God to show you your high places, and to give you the kind of sorrow that leads home.

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

Set Your Face

READ · EZEKIEL 6:1–3

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who or what is Ezekiel told to prophesy to in verses 2–3, and what does God say He will destroy?

REFLECT

The high places were torn down by Josiah and came back when nobody kept watch. What 'high place' in your life has come back after you thought it was gone?

REFLECT

God tells Ezekiel to “set your face” against those places (v2). What would it look like for you to set your face against one of yours this week?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one place, screen, person or pattern where you keep going back to what replaces God. Tell one brother about it today.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 6:9)

DAY 2 OF 5

Bones Before the Idols

READ · EZEKIEL 6:4–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where do the slain fall and where are the bones scattered (vv4–5)? What happens to the idols and the altars in verse 6?

REFLECT

The worshipers died in front of the very idols they served, and the idols did nothing (v4). When you hit bottom, what was standing there, and could it help you?

REFLECT

What does it mean to you that the first "you will know that I am the LORD" comes right after the idols fall (v7)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God for one time He was still standing when everything you trusted fell apart.

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DAY 3 OF 5

The Remnant Remembers

READ · EZEKIEL 6:8–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God promise in verse 8, and what exactly do the survivors remember in verse 9?

REFLECT

God says He was "hurt" (literally broken) by their adulterous hearts (v9). How does it change things to see your sin as hurting a faithful God, not just breaking a rule?

REFLECT

The remnant remembered God far from home, "among the nations" (v9). Where were you when you first came to your senses about God (compare Luke 15:17)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray Psalm-style today: tell God honestly how you have been unfaithful to Him, and thank Him that He kept you.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Clap and Stamp

READ · EZEKIEL 6:11–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God tell Ezekiel to do with his hand and foot, and what three judgments are named in verses 11–12?

REFLECT

Ezekiel was told to make a scene over sin (v11). When was the last time sin, yours or someone else's, really grieved you instead of just embarrassing you?

REFLECT

Verse 12 closes every way of escape: far, near and besieged. Where have you been trying to find a way around God instead of a way back to Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write a short 'Alas' of your own: two or three lines of honest grief to God over a sin you have treated lightly.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Know That I Am the LORD

READ · EZEKIEL 6:13–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where do the slain lie in verse 13, and what had the people offered in those places?

REFLECT

They gave a "soothing aroma" to idols (v13), worship meant for God. What gets your best time, money or passion that belongs to God?

REFLECT

Four times this chapter says they will know He is the LORD. Would you rather learn that through His mercy now or His judgment later? What step toward Him can you take today?

RESPOND — TODAY

Give God the first part of something today: your first hour, your first dollar, or your first conversation, as an offering to Him.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

What high place did God show you this week, and what are you doing to keep it torn down?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

How is godly sorrow different from feeling bad about getting caught? Where did you see the difference in yourself this week?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Who in our group needs us to 'keep watch' with him, the way Josiah's reforms needed someone to keep watch after him?

MY PRAYER

LORD, forgive my adulterous heart and show me my high places, and when I am far from home...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 6:9

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