SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 13

Whitewashed Walls: Peace When There Is No Peace

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 13:10

"It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash;"

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 13

This week God asks me to stop listening to the voices that only tell me what I want to hear — including my own. He wants to inspect my walls before the storm, not to shame me but to rescue me. Bring the cracks to Him honestly, and let His word be the voice you trust.

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

Voices from Their Own Hearts

READ · EZEKIEL 13:1–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What words did the false prophets use to sound like God (v6), and what does God say about where their message really came from (vv2–3, 7)?

REFLECT

Which voices in my life — friends, feeds, or my own thoughts — sound spiritual but really come from what I want to be true (v2)?

REFLECT

The prophets never went "up into the breaches" (v5). Where is there a gap in my home or among my friends that I have been standing back from?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one voice you will test against Scripture this week, and open your Bible before you act on it.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 13:10)

DAY 2 OF 5

When God Is Against the Lie

READ · EZEKIEL 13:8–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the three things the false prophets lose in v9.

REFLECT

Why do you think God takes lying in His name so personally that He says, "I am against you" (v8)?

REFLECT

What lie have I told about God — to myself or to someone else — that I need to take back?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray: ask God to show you one place you have used His name to cover your own wishes, and confess it plainly.

❐ READ IT ❐ PRAYED IT ❐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 13:10)

DAY 3 OF 5

Whitewash on a Cracked Wall

READ · EZEKIEL 13:10–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the prophets say (v10), what did they put on the wall, and what three things does God send against it (vv11, 13)?

REFLECT

What is my whitewash — the quick 'I'm fine,' the Sunday smile — and what crack is it hiding (v10)?

REFLECT

God says the foundation will be "laid bare" (v14). What would a man who sees my foundation right now find there?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tell one trusted brother the truth about one crack you have been plastering over.

❒ READ IT ❒ PRAYED IT ❒ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 13:10)

DAY 4 OF 5

Hunters of Souls

READ · EZEKIEL 13:17–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did these women make, what were they paid, and who kept listening to them (vv18–19)?

REFLECT

Who has hunted me — with fear, a con, or a cheap promise — and what did it cost me (v18)?

REFLECT

Where have I sold the truth "for handfuls of barley" (v19), saying what pays instead of what is true?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one lie you have believed for years, and next to it write what God's word actually says.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 13:10)

DAY 5 OF 5

Set Free Like Birds

READ · EZEKIEL 13:20–23

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God tear off, and what does He say He will do for His people (vv20–21, 23)?

REFLECT

God was grieved that the righteous were disheartened and the wicked encouraged (v22). Who around me needs encouragement, and who needs a loving warning?

REFLECT

What snare has God already torn off my life, and how has knowing Him changed since then (v23)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God by name for one snare He has broken, and encourage one man who is trying to walk straight.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 13:10)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The prophets told the people “Peace!” when there was no peace (v10). Why is that message so attractive to men in recovery or coming out of prison, and how do we spot it?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

What does going up “into the breaches” (v5) look like practically for the men in this group this month?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

God's judgment in this chapter ends with His people delivered (v23). How does that change the way you see God's hard words?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, strip the whitewash off my life and show me the cracks I have been hiding, because I want to stand on a foundation that holds, so…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 13:10

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