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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 16

The Foundling Bride and the Everlasting Covenant

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 16:60

"Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 16

This is a hard chapter about unfaithfulness, but it is really a story about grace. God found Jerusalem dying in a field and said “Live!”, and after all her betrayal He still says “Nevertheless.” This week, remember where God found you, give back the gifts you have been trusting, and receive His forgiveness for all you have done.

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

Found in the Field

READ · EZEKIEL 16:1–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List what no one did for the baby (vv4–5), and then list everything God did for her (vv6–14).

REFLECT

Where was I — what "open field" — when God first spoke life over me (v6)?

REFLECT

God says her beauty was perfect "because of My splendor" (v14). Which good things in my life am I tempted to take credit for?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write two or three sentences of your own story: where God found you and what He has given you since. Thank Him for it.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Trusting the Gift

READ · EZEKIEL 16:15–22

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Count how many times God says “My” in vv17–21. What did Jerusalem do with what was His?

REFLECT

What gift from God — strength, money, a skill, a relationship — am I most tempted to trust instead of Him (v15)?

REFLECT

God says she “did not remember the days of your youth” (v22). How does forgetting where I came from open the door to idols?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one gift you have been leaning on, and in prayer hand it back to God as His.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Paying for What Never Pays

READ · EZEKIEL 16:23–43

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

According to vv28–29 and v34, was Jerusalem ever satisfied, and who paid whom?

REFLECT

What has an idol in my life cost me — money, family, health, freedom — and what did it ever give back (v34)?

REFLECT

God's jealousy is a faithful husband's love (v38), and He says, "I will calm My fury" (v42). How does that change how I hear His warnings?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tell God honestly what your idol has cost you, and ask Him for the strength to stop paying it.

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DAY 4 OF 5

No Room to Look Down

READ · EZEKIEL 16:44–52

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does v49 list as Sodom's guilt, and what does v51 say about Jerusalem compared with Samaria?

REFLECT

Where have I looked down on others while my own sin, with more light, was worse (v51)?

REFLECT

Pride, plenty and careless ease came first for Sodom (v49). Where do comfort and pride make my heart careless?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one thing today to help someone poor or in need, quietly, as the opposite of careless ease.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Nevertheless

READ · EZEKIEL 16:53–63

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God promise to remember and establish in v60, and what does He say He will do in v63?

REFLECT

What does the word "Nevertheless" (v60) mean for the worst thing I have done?

REFLECT

God's forgiveness leaves us silent — nothing to defend and nothing to boast about (v63). How should that shape the way I treat other men who have fallen?

RESPOND — TODAY

Read Luke 22:20 and thank Jesus that His blood is the covenant that forgives "all that you have done" (v63).

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

God stopped for a baby everyone else passed by (vv5–6). Who are the men nobody stops for, and how can this group stop for them?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Jerusalem paid her lovers and got nothing back (v34). How is that like addiction or any sin we keep paying for?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Why is it important that God remembers His covenant (v60) when we have forgotten Him?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You found me in the field and said "Live!", and even after all I have done You say "Nevertheless," so today I thank You for…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 16:60

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