

The book of Ezekiel is unlike anything we've read so far. There are strange visions, dramatic symbols, and powerful imagery along with prophetic actions and promises of restoration. At times it can feel confusing—or even bizarre.

But Ezekiel isn't meant to confuse us. It is prophetic literature designed to *wake people up*.

God speaks through Ezekiel to people in exile who feel disoriented, discouraged, and far from home. Through unforgettable images, Ezekiel reveals God's holiness, our brokenness, and the hope of restoration.

This week, we are going to practice seeing through symbols. Instead of getting stuck on every unusual detail, ask:

- What image stands out?
- What truth is God communicating?
- What is God restoring?
- How does this point me toward hope?

Grab your notebook and Bible, and let's get started.

Parents: Ezekiel reminds us that God is bigger than both our highest highs and our lowest lows. This week's Parent Prompt will help you talk with your kids and students about emotions, disappointment, success, and how God stays faithful and present no matter what life feels like. [Parent Prompt](#)

Memory Verse | Ezekiel 36:26

Monday, May 25

Read: Ezekiel 1:1–28

Reflect: Let's be honest: Ezekiel opens weird. Wheels inside wheels. Living creatures. Lightning. Eyes everywhere. If you try to decode every image immediately, you'll miss the bigger point.

This vision is trying to communicate something larger than words alone: **God is glorious, powerful, holy, and completely beyond human control.**

Remember where Ezekiel is... in exile.

God's people were wondering, "Did we lose God when we lost Jerusalem?" The vision answers, "No."

God is not trapped in one place. He is still present—even in exile. That matters for us too.

Let's be real. We know what it's like to feel "exiled" from God. We disappoint, we rebel, we sin. We then suffer and deal with great amounts of uncertainty and disorientation.

Ezekiel reminds us that God is still there. He is still on His throne.

Act: Ask, "Where in life do I feel spiritually disoriented right now? Then write: "God is still present in..."

Pray: Lord, when life feels confusing or unfamiliar, remind me that You are still present and still at work. Help me trust You even when I don't fully understand what I see. Help me to remember who I am in You. Amen.

Tuesday, May 26

Read: Ezekiel 4:1-17

Reflect: Ezekiel often acts out God's message. Why? Because we often stop listening to words. God can use dramatic visuals to wake us up.

This reminds us of something important, that God cares deeply about getting through to His people. Sometimes He speaks gently. Sometimes He disrupts. Sometimes He confronts. But the goal is always restoration.

Ask yourself, “Has God been trying to get my attention lately?”

Maybe through conviction, circumstances, Scripture, wise counsel, or even discomfort. God often uses interruptions to invite transformation.

Act: “What has God been repeatedly bringing to my attention lately?”
Write one sentence: “I think God may be inviting me to...”

Pray: Father, help me pay attention to what You are trying to show me. Give me a soft heart that responds when You speak. Amen.

Wednesday, May 27

Read: Ezekiel 18:21–32

Reflect: Ezekiel confronts a common human habit... blaming others.

The people wanted to blame previous generations for their spiritual condition. But God redirects them and reminds them: you are responsible for your own response.

Notice the beautiful truth. God’s goal is not punishment. “Repent and live!” God wants restoration. This is one of Ezekiel’s central messages.

And yet real change requires real honesty. God cannot heal what you refuse to acknowledge.

This passage pushes against both shame (“I’m stuck forever”) and excuses (“It’s not really my fault”). Instead, God invites us to a renewal that bring transformation.

Act: Complete this sentence: “One area where God is asking me to take responsibility is...”

Then ask, “What step of repentance would move me toward the life God has made me for?”

Pray: Lord, help me take honest responsibility without falling into shame. Thank You that Your desire is restoration, not condemnation. Amen.

Thursday, May 28

Read: Ezekiel 36:22–32

Reflect: This may be the most hope-filled promise in Ezekiel. God says, “I will give you a new heart...” The problem wasn’t simply choices or behavior. It was the heart *itself*.

This points directly toward Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Many Christians spend enormous energy trying harder, modifying behaviors, doing “better” ... without ever addressing the deeper, essential issue.

Christianity is not behavior management. It is heart transformation.

Here’s some good news today: *God does not merely demand change; He empowers it.* This is deeply hopeful. It means the things that feel stuck or impossibly broken in you are not beyond God’s transforming power. The question then becomes, “Will I let God do His work?”

Act: Ask, “Where do I most need a ‘new heart’ right now?” Then write a prayer beginning, “Lord, reshape my heart in...”

Pray: God, thank You that You don’t just tell me to change—you transform me from the inside out. Give me a heart that desires what You desire. Amen.

Friday, May 29

Read: Ezekiel 37:1–14

Reflect: This is one of the most memorable images in all of Scripture: a valley of dry bones. Everything appears dead. Hopeless. Dead and gone.

Then God asks, “Can these bones live again?” What a question. Ezekiel wisely answers, “Sovereign Lord, You alone know.”

The vision is about national restoration for Israel—but it points to something even bigger: *God brings life where death seems final.*

That matters because everyone has “dry-bones...”

- broken relationships
- doubting faith
- disappointment
- anger
- addiction
- grief
- hopelessness

God specializes in resurrection. He brings life where people only expect endings. Jesus’ resurrection means failure isn’t final, and death doesn’t have the final word.

Act: Write about an area of your life that feels a lot like dead and dry bones right now. Then beneath it write, “God can bring life through...”

Pray: Jesus, breathe life into places that feel hopeless or exhausted. Help me trust that You are still able to restore what feels impossible. Amen.

Saturday, May 30 – Sunday, May 31

Read: Ezekiel 47:1–12; Revelation 22:1–5

Reflect: Ezekiel ends not with destruction—but restoration. Water flows from the temple of God bringing healing, life, fruitfulness, and renewal.

Everything the water touches lives. This image points well beyond Ezekiel itself. It anticipates Jesus the living water, the Holy Spirit that

produces fruit, and the renewal of all things through the will of the Father.

Throughout the Bible, rivers symbolize God's life-giving presence. The story of God and His creation ends where it was always moving: God dwelling with His people again.

That's the deeper movement of Ezekiel... exile → restoration.

That's also the movement of the gospel...

Sin separates → Jesus restores → Life returns

Act: Reflect, "Where in my life am I most longing for renewal?"

Then ask, "What would it look like to invite God's restoring presence there?"

Review or memorize Ezekiel 36:26.

Pray: Father, thank You that restoration is part of Your story. Bring life, healing, and renewal into the places that feel weary or broken. Draw me closer to Your presence. Amen.