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A
STUDY
OF THE
BOOK OF EZEKIEL

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DISCIPLINE

EZEKIEL 12-17

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Send Your Holy Spirit now for Christ's sake to...

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PRAYS

- Pray for a prayer request from last week.
- Our Seventh Grade, our small group led by Marla Thomas.
- All first responders serving on front lines against COVID.
- Our church plant, The Great Southwest Prayer Center.
- Sister church, Living Stones Church and Pastor Scott Rawlings.
- The Af*ar of Ethiopia and the Azer*baijani of Azerbaijan.

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

Please pray for this request shared during last week's worship service.

**Pray for
others**

Conociendo a Dios

“Conociendo Su Disciplina” - Ezequiel 12-17

17 de Octubre de 2021

Conociendo A Dios				
<i>Un Estudio del Libro de Ezequiel</i>				
Tema	Época	Título	Texto	Fecha
Caída de Judá	Antes del Asedio	Conociendo a Dios	Ezequiel 1	Sept 19
		Conociendo Su Llamado	Ezequiel 2-3	Sept 26
		Conociendo Como Habla Dios	Ezequiel 4-5	Oct 3
		Conociendo Sus Limites	Ezequiel 6-11	Oct 10
		Conociendo Su Disciplina	Ezequiel 12-17	Oct 17
		Conociendo Su Corazón	Ezequiel 18-22	Oct 24
		Conociendo Nuestra Falta de Fidelidad	Ezequiel 23-24	Oct 31
Enemigos de Judá	Durante el Asedio	Conociendo Nuestro Orgullo	Ezequiel 25-32	Nov 7
Futuro de Judá	Después del Asedio	Conociendo Al Buen Pastor	Ezequiel 33-34	Nov 14
		Conociendo Nueva Vida	Ezequiel 35-36	Nov 21
		Conociendo Avivamiento	Ezequiel 37	Nov 28
		Conociendo El Fin	Ezequiel 38-39	Dec 5
		Conociendo El Futuro	Ezequiel 40-48	Dec 12

Ezequiel 12-17 es una serie de imágenes proféticas y parábolas de la advertencia amorosa de Dios a su pueblo

- Capítulo 12 - Imágenes proféticas del equipaje del exilio y comiendo con temblor
- Capítulo 13 - Imagen profética de una tormenta derribando una pared endeble y encalada
- Capítulo 14 - Cuadro profético de Noé, Daniel y Job
- Capítulo 15 - Parábola de una vid inútil
- Capítulo 16 - Parábola del cónyuge adúltero
- Capítulo 17 - Parábola de 2 águilas y una vid

Los buenos padres aman a sus hijos con ambos lados del amor

- Amor suave = abrazos, palabras cariñosas, ánimos
- Amor duro = disciplina, consecuencias, conversaciones difíciles, confrontación

- Smalley y Trent: "Es esencial que aprendamos a equilibrar los aspectos duros y blandos del amor todos los días si queremos comunicar a los demás el tipo de amor más profundo y significativo".

Dios nos disciplina porque nos ama

Hebreos 12: 6-11 - *Porque el Señor disciplina a los que ama y castiga a cada uno que acepta como Su hijo. 7 Mientras soportas esta disciplina divina, recuerda que Dios te trata como a sus propios hijos. ¿Quién ha oído hablar de un niño que nunca es disciplinado por su padre? 8 Si Dios no te disciplina como lo hace con todos Sus hijos, significa que eres ilegítimo y no eres en absoluto Sus hijos. 9 Ya que respetábamos a nuestros padres terrenales que nos disciplinaban, ¿no deberíamos someternos aún más a la disciplina del Padre de nuestro espíritu y vivir para siempre? 10 Porque nuestros padres terrenales nos disciplinaron durante algunos años, haciendo lo mejor que sabían. Pero la disciplina de Dios siempre es buena para nosotros, para que podamos participar de Su santidad. 11 Ninguna disciplina es placentera mientras se lleva a cabo; ¡es dolorosa! Pero después habrá una cosecha pacífica de una vida recta para aquellos que estén capacitados de esta manera.*

Cuatro imágenes del amor duro de Dios por sus hijos de Ezequiel 12-17

1. Imagen #1: Un _____ sin hogar (12: 1-13)

- Esta profecía se cumple 5 años después cuando los babilonios sitiaron Jerusalén y el rey judío Sedequías intenta escapar a través del muro en medio de la noche.
- **2 Reyes 25: 1-7** - *Así que en el año noveno del reinado de Sedequías, el día diez del mes décimo, Nabucodonosor, rey de Babilonia, marchó contra Jerusalén con todo su ejército. Acampó fuera de la ciudad y construyó obras de asedio a su alrededor. 2 La ciudad estuvo sitiada hasta el undécimo año del rey Sedequías. 3 Para el noveno día del [cuarto] mes, el hambre en la ciudad se había vuelto tan severa que no había comida para que la gente comiera. 4 Entonces se rompió la muralla de la ciudad, y todo el ejército huyó de noche por la puerta entre las dos murallas cerca del jardín del rey, aunque los babilonios rodeaban la ciudad. Huyeron hacia el Arabá, 5 pero el ejército babilónico persiguió al rey y lo alcanzó en las llanuras de Jericó. Todos sus soldados fueron separados de él y dispersados, 6 y fue capturado. Fue llevado ante el rey de Babilonia en Ribla, donde se pronunció sentencia contra él. 7 Mataron a los hijos de Sedequías delante de sus ojos. Luego le sacaron los ojos, lo ataron con grilletes de bronce y lo llevaron a Babilonia.*
- **Aplicación # 1:** ¿Qué cosas me ha estado diciendo Dios una y otra y otra y otra vez y, sin embargo, no respondo?
 - Cree y recibe a Jesús (Romanos 10: 9)
 - Busque a Dios primero en todo (Mateo 6:33)

- Perdona a la persona que te lastimó (Efesios 4:32)
- Ama a tu esposa con sacrificio; respeta a tu esposo (Efesios 5: 21-33)
- Guarde su sexualidad solo para el matrimonio (1 Tes. 4: 3-5)
- Devuelva la primera parte de sus ingresos a Dios como un acto de adoración y entrega (2 Corinto 9: 6-7; Malaquías 3:10).
- Sirva a los demás con sus dones y talentos (1 Pedro 4: 10-11)
- Comparta su fe con otros (Hechos 1: 8; Mateo 28: 18-20).

2. Imagen #2: Un _____ derribando una pared endeble (13: 1-3,6-7,10-14)

- Mientras Ezequiel profetizaba la verdad (que se avecinaba un asedio), había un grupo de falsos profetas que decían (en el nombre del Señor) lo contrario: "No va a haber un asedio; va a haber paz".
- Ezequiel compara estas falsas profecías con una pared endeble y encalada que Dios va a derribar con una tormenta. La profecía de Ezequiel se hace realidad 5 años después, cuando los muros de Jerusalén son derribados y la ciudad es destruida por los babilonios.
- Aplicación # 2: este capítulo me desafía a evitar 2 errores:
 - Decir "Dios me dijo" con ligereza (v.6)
 - No tomar las profecías en serio (1 Tes. 5: 19-21)
- **1 Tesalonicenses 5: 19-21** - *No apaguen el fuego del Espíritu; no trates las profecías con desprecio. Prueba todo. Aférrate a lo bueno.*
- La historia de 3 palabras proféticas en 2003 - tornado evitado

3. Imagen #3: Una ciudad _____ (14: 13-14,21)

- Jerusalén ha sido tan rebelde contra Dios durante tanto tiempo que incluso si Noé, Daniel y Job vivieran allí ahora y oraran, Dios no perdonaría a la ciudad. Los perdonaría, pero no la ciudad.
- Warren Wiersbe: "¿Por qué eligió el Señor a estos tres hombres? Por un lado, los tres están identificados en las Escrituras del Antiguo Testamento como hombres justos (Génesis 6; 9; Job 1: 1,8; 2: 3; Dan. 6: 4-5,22). Todos fueron probados y demostraron ser fieles. Noé por el diluvio, Daniel en el foso de los leones y Job por las dolorosas pruebas de Satanás. Todos eran hombres de fe. Sin embargo, la fe y la justicia de estos tres hombres no podían acreditarse ante otros. La familia de Noé tuvo que confiar en Dios y entrar al arca; Los amigos de Daniel tuvieron que orar y confiar en Dios; y los amigos de Job tuvieron que arrepentirse y traer los sacrificios apropiados. No existe la 'fe prestada'".

- Aplicación # 3 - ¿Estoy “tomando prestada” la fe de otra persona o estoy confiando en Dios yo mismo? ¿Cuál es un paso tangible de fe que Dios ME está llamando a tomar hoy?

4. Imagen #4: Un cónyuge _____ (16: 35-42)

- Ezequiel 16 es una parábola muy detallada de la nación de Israel como un niño abandonado a quien Dios rescata, provee, nutre y eventualmente se casa (cuando está completamente adulta). Sin embargo, a pesar de todo su amor, ella le es infiel durmiendo con otros hombres (ídolos). ¡Se convierte en una puta! ¡Se vuelve peor que una puta cuando paga a los hombres para que se acueste con ellos!
- Dios pronuncia su juicio sobre ella (vv.35-42)
- Hay dos formas de satisfacer la ira de Dios:
 - (1) Mediante el derramamiento de esa ira sobre los culpables; o
 - (2) Mediante el derramamiento de esa ira sobre un Sustituto inocente de los culpables.
- En última instancia, Dios elige derramar Su ira sobre Su propio Hijo Jesucristo para expiar nuestros pecados (Romanos 3: 23-25) mediante el cual Dios marcará el comienzo de un nuevo pacto (Ezequiel 16: 59-63).
- Landon Dowden: “Si este pasaje fuera sobre un matrimonio contemporáneo, entonces lo más probable es que la unión se disuelva debido a la infidelidad marital y diferencias irreconciliables, pero para Dios no existe tal cosa. En lugar de abandonar a su pueblo, hará expiación por todo lo que habían hecho (16:63). ¿Podemos leer eso una vez más? En lugar de abandonar a su esposa infiel, Dios la expiará abandonando a su fiel Hijo. Al hacer la expiación, el Padre tratará a Jesús como si fuera él quien se dedica a la prostitución. Tratará a Jesús como si adorara a otros dioses. Tratará a Jesús como si hubiera buscado seguridad en algún lugar además del Padre. Tratará a Jesús como si hubiera visto pornografía, hablado en chismes o hubiera tenido un aborto. En resumen, Dios el Padre tratará a Jesús como si fuera culpable de cada acto de rebelión que hayamos cometido contra Dios ”.
- Aplicación # 4 - ¡Gracias, Jesús, por absorber mi castigo por mí! ¡Te adoro! ¡Te lo agradezco! ¡Te entrego mi vida!

Knowing God

“Knowing God’s Discipline” – Ezekiel 12-17

October 17, 2021

Our Sermon Series

KNOWING GOD				
<i>A Study of the Book of Ezekiel</i>				
Theme	Time	Message Title	Text	Date
Judah's Fall	Before the Siege	Knowing God	Ezekiel 1	Sept 19
		Knowing God's Call on Your Life	Ezekiel 2-3	Sept 26
		Knowing How God Speaks	Ezekiel 4-5	Oct 3
		Knowing God's Boundaries	Ezekiel 6-11	Oct 10
		Knowing God's Discipline	Ezekiel 12-17	Oct 17
		Knowing God's Heart	Ezekiel 18-22	Oct 24
		Knowing Our Unfaithfulness	Ezekiel 23-24	Oct 31
Judah's Foes	During the Siege	Knowing Our Pride	Ezekiel 25-32	Nov 7
Judah's Future	After the Siege	Knowing the Good Shepherd	Ezekiel 33-34	Nov 14
		Knowing New Life	Ezekiel 35-36	Nov 21
		Knowing Revival	Ezekiel 37	Nov 28
		Knowing the End	Ezekiel 38-39	Dec 5
		Knowing the Future	Ezekiel 40-48	Dec 12

Ezekiel 12-17 is a Series of Prophetic Pictures and Parables of God’s Loving Warning to His People

- Chapter 12 – Prophetic pictures of exile baggage and eating with trembling
- Chapter 13 – Prophetic picture of a storm knocking down a flimsy, white-washed wall
- Chapter 14 – Prophetic picture of Noah, Daniel, and Job
- Chapter 15 – Parable of a useless vine
- Chapter 16 – Parable of the adulterous spouse
- Chapter 17 – Parable of 2 eagles and a vine

Good Parents Love Their Children With Both Sides of Love

- **Soft-side love** = hugs, affectionate words, encouragements
- **Hard-side love** = discipline, consequences, tough talks, confronting
- Smalley and Trent: “It is essential that we learn to balance love’s hard and soft sides every day if we want to communicate to others the deepest, most meaningful kind of love.”

God Disciplines Us Because He Loves Us

Hebrews 12:6-11 (NLT) – *For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child. 7 As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as His own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? 8 If God doesn't discipline you as He does all of His children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really His children at all. 9 Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? 10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in His holiness. 11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.*

Four Pictures of God's Hard-side Love for His Children from Ezekiel 12-17

1. **Picture #1: A _____ with no home (12:1-13)**

- This prophecy is fulfilled 5 years later when the Babylonians lay siege on Jerusalem and Jewish king Zedekiah tries to escape through the wall in the middle of the night.
- **2 Kings 25:1-7** – *So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. He encamped outside the city and built siege works all around it. 2 The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 3 By the ninth day of the [fourth] month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat. 4 Then the city wall was broken through, and the whole army fled at night through the gate between the two walls near the king's garden, though the Babylonians were surrounding the city. They fled toward the Arabah, 5 but the Babylonian army pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his soldiers were separated from him and scattered, 6 and he was captured. He was taken to the king of Babylon at Riblah, where sentence was pronounced on him. 7 They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. Then they put out his eyes, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.*
- **Application #1** – What things has God been saying to me over and over and over and over, and yet I'm not responding?
 - Believe and receive Jesus (Romans 10:9)
 - Seek God first in everything (Matthew 6:33)
 - Forgive that person who hurt you (Ephesians 4:32)
 - Love your wife sacrificially; respect your husband (Eph. 5:21-33)
 - Save your sexuality for marriage alone (1 Thess. 4:3-5)
 - Give the first portion of your income back to God as an act of worship and surrender (2 Corinth 9:6-7; Malachi 3:10)
 - Serve others with your gifts and talents (1 Peter 4:10-11)
 - Share your faith with others (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20).

2. Picture #2: A _____ knocking down a flimsy wall (13:1-3,6-7,10-14)

- While Ezekiel was prophesying the truth (that a siege is coming), there were a set of false prophets who were saying (in the name of the Lord) the opposite: "There's not going to be a siege; there's going to be peace."
- Ezekiel compares these false prophecies to a flimsy, white-washed wall that God is going to knock down with a storm. Ezekiel's prophecy comes true 5 years later when the walls of Jerusalem are knocked down and the city is destroyed by the Babylonians.
- Application #2 – This chapter challenges me to avoid 2 errors:
 - Saying "God told me" flippantly (v.6)
 - Not taking prophecies seriously (1 Thess. 5:19-21)
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21** – *Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good.*
- The story of 3 prophetic words in 2003 – tornado averted

3. Picture #3: A city _____ (14:13-14,21)

- Jerusalem has been so rebellious against God for so long that even if Noah, Daniel, and Job lived there now and prayed, God would not spare the city. He would spare them, but not the city.
- Warren Wiersbe: "Why did the Lord choose these three men? For one thing, all three of them are identified in the Old Testament Scripture as righteous men (Gen. 6:9; Job 1:1,8; 2:3; Dan. 6:4-5,22). All of them were tested and proved faithful. Noah by the flood, Daniel in the lions' den, and Job by painful trials from Satan. They were all men of faith. However, the faith and righteousness of these three men could not be accredited to others. Noah's family had to trust God and enter the ark; Daniel's friends had to pray and trust God; and Job's friends had to repent and bring the proper sacrifices. There is no such thing as 'borrowed faith.'"
- Application #3 – Am I "borrowing" someone else's faith or am I trusting God myself? What is a tangible step of faith that God is calling ME to take today?

4. Picture #4: An _____ spouse (16:35-42)

- Ezekiel 16 is a very detailed parable of the nation of Israel as an abandoned child whom God rescues, provides for, nurtures, and eventually marries (when she is fully grown). Yet, despite all of His love, she is unfaithful to Him sleeping with other men (idols). She becomes a whore! She becomes worse than a whore as she pays men for her to sleep with them!
- God pronounces His judgment on her (vv.35-42)

- There are two ways for God's wrath to be satisfied:
 - (1) Through the pouring of that wrath on the guilty ones; or
 - (2) Through the pouring of that wrath on an innocent Substitute for the guilty ones.
- Ultimately, God chooses to pour out His wrath on His own Son Jesus Christ to atone for our sins (Romans 3:23-25) whereby God will usher in a new covenant (Ezekiel 16:59-63).
- Landon Dowden: "If this passage was about a contemporary marriage, then most likely the union would dissolve based on marital infidelity and irreconcilable differences, but for God there is no such thing. Instead of abandoning His people, He will make atonement for all they had done (16:63). Can we read that once more? Instead of forsaking His unfaithful bride, God will atone for her by forsaking His faithful Son. In making atonement, the Father will treat Jesus as if He was the one who engaged in prostitution. He will treat Jesus as if He worshiped other gods. He will treat Jesus as if He had looked for security somewhere besides the Father. He will treat Jesus as if He had looked at porn, or gossiped, or had an abortion. In short, God the Father will treat Jesus as if He was guilty of every single act of rebellion we have ever committed against God."
- Application #4 – Thank You, Jesus, for absorbing my punishment for me! I worship You! I thank You! I give my life to You!



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Double Dog Dare Challenge Month!

CARING FOR OUR ISOLATED AND VULNERABLE

Spending quality time with seniors really brightens their day and positively impacts their health. Your small group can easily bring smiles of joy and much needed spiritual uplifting to our seniors who are lonely, isolated, or in some cases, even forgotten!

The ideas are endless...Take and enjoy a meal together, run errands, mow their lawn or assist with yard work, create letters or cards of encouragement, play games with facility residents, play music/sing with facility residents, tell stories, listen to their stories, laugh and PRAY together.



Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/Missions](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Missions)
or Scan this QR Code for
More Info and to Register

Coming Up
Communion Oct. 24

Adult Ministries

Discipleship

We are planning a Discipleship Path study in English and Spanish in Mid fall. The study is a journey with resources founded on Jesus' model of discipleship. It is transformational discipleship. There are 6 books with 5 sessions each. Takes 30 weeks to complete. If you are interested please contact Nidia Rivera at NRivera@WhatsGrace.org

Care

Ongoing Registration Open for Care Ministries!

- DivorceCare
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
- GriefShare
- Marriage Matters
- Parenting with Grace
- Struggling with an Addiction

For more information, please email Andy Cuttell at andycuttell@gmail.com or call 281-785-6131, or Pam at 832-754-4210.

Missions

25 Blessings: Learn more and register to serve at WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions.

Bridges International Harvest Hoedown: Nov. 6 from 6:30-9PM at the Grace Fellowship Porch. This is a great opportunity to welcome the nations and demonstrate God's love and hospitality in a fun-filled way! This is a family-friendly event.

Small Group Double Dog Dare October challenge—Show love and joy to senior citizens in your neighborhood and the Katy community. If you need help finding a senior citizen, we can connect you!

Katy Church "Thanksgiving Feast" Green Bean Drive—Drop donations outside the Ministry Center in the large gray bin, anytime during October.

Pray for Our Adopted Unreached People Groups! Scan the QR code to receive prayer prompts via text.



Prayer

Audience of One: Come pray with one of our A1 prayer meetings. **Tuesday;** 10am—Intercession, 6pm—Intercession. **Thursday;** 10am—Devotional, noon—Intercession, 2pm—Worship With The Word, 4pm—Devotional, 6pm—Freedom and Healing. **Friday;** 6pm—Students and Families, 8pm—Intercession.

Prophetic Prayer Training: Nov 7, NOON-4pm in the Prayer Center. Led by Dr. Larry Smith, Prayer Pastor Emeritus. Visit WhatsGrace.org/Prayer for more info and to register.

Kids Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities: You could be greeter, lesson creator, large or small group leader, assistant teacher or nursery teacher. For more info contact Cindy at saavedracb@yahoo.com

Student Ministry

Getting Connected is a Priority! Get connected every Wednesday from 6—8pm at North Katy Campus.

Young Adults: Meeting every Sunday at 4pm. Contact Kyle Welsh at KWelsh@WhatsGrace.org for more information.

Get Connected

New to Grace? Welcome! We would love to say, "hello" and answer any questions you might have.

Starting Steps on December 5: Are you new to Grace Fellowship or maybe you've been here a while and want to take your next step? Starting Steps are sessions created to help you make a connection and engage you in the life of Grace Fellowship. For more info and to register, contact Nidia at NRivera@WhatsGrace.org

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