

DAY 7

Reflect on Yesterday with God! Then... Confess | Learn | Adjust
This is the most important part of the Daily Devo. It keeps your conscience clean!

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 39:1-8, 21-29; 43:1-5; 48:35

Israel's discipline and battle against GOG is about to end. In the beginning of Ch. 39, God says He is against GOG and its end is now. The day of Israel's restoration has arrived! Chapter 40 begins with God rebuilding the temple and His glory filling the new temple in chapter 43. The new city and temple are now complete and the book ends with these words, "**THE LORD IS THERE.**"

Revive40's calling is to see God destroy GOG (sexual sin) in men's lives and then rebuild and restore them. I hope you can see the vision God gave me for Revive40 through Ezekiel 33-48! We originally called the ministry GOG611 because God said He came to **set the captives free in Isaiah 61:1**. In the early days when we were battling temptation, calls to other men became known as **611 calls**, like the 911 calls we make in an emergency.

Rebuilding the temple is so symbolic because God says "**we are the temple of God**" in 1Corinthians 6:19. It is what makes us different from all other people on the planet. The temple was a place of **worship**. Take "10" minutes today, and find some place to get alone with God to **worship** Him through song. Try to hear what He is doing in you as worship Him. Here are a couple of recommendations:

Overwhelmed by Big Daddy Weave / **Nothing Else** by Cody Carnes

Write below what God impressed on you during your worship time:

The Challenge

Be patient! It took over 5 years for the rebuilding of the Temple. Just live one day at a time making right choices that are pleasing to God.

Stay broken and humble realizing your need for God's presence in your life.

Love with 1Corinthians 13 type of love. Imagine God's vast love for you!

Consider others' interests more important than your own. Phil 2:3-4 Serve others!

Know the WORD. Do the WORD. James 1:22 This is how to keep your way pure.

Seek God first over everything else! He is the #1 priority. Matthew 6:33

Laugh! Pray! Be Grateful! 1Thessalonians 5:16 Make these your aim!

Write down what challenges you the most from the above list:

Talking with God - Ask Him why He loves you? Why did He choose you to be His child?

TRANSFORMATION OLD TESTAMENT EZEKIEL



Connecting with God

Stand in awe...

DAY 1

Meet with God to Start each Day - Confess... Learn... Adjust from the last 24hrs

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 1:1-3; 1:25-2:9

Ezekiel had to be greatly disappointed in his life! He trained to be a **TEMPLE PRIEST** all his life when the Babylonians attacked and dragged him away in 597 B.C. God had called him to be a **PROPHET** and to prepare the people for a long stay in Babylon. He was to help the new generation born in Babylon **understand why God allowed** Judah to be taken captive and how HE would eventually restore them back to Jerusalem. Are you disappointed with how life has turned out? Did you envision it going a different direction? **How could God use what has happened eventually for good in your life? Describe...**

Trusting God when things don't work out like we want is an important principle to keep in mind in your recovery. Why?

A **huge recovery principle** is found in 2:1-9 today. God told Ezekiel to speak to the Israelites, but they wouldn't listen because they were a rebellious people! His success wasn't based on how the people responded but how well He followed God and fulfilled GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS LIFE. What do you think God's purpose is for you as you recover and your family heals? Are you willing to follow it? Why or why not?

The Challenge

We see God's majesty in the reading today. Write a note today telling HIM the kind of relationship you desire to have with HIM...

Pursuing a Relationship with GOD

Spend time with GOD today just being with HIM in HIS presence! Ask HIM a question.

DAY 6

Check in with God! Confess, Identify lies you believed, Replace with truth, Adjust!!

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 38:1-23

In Chapter 37, God shows how He will restore Israel as a nation. In Chapter 38, He reveals how He will use Gog to discipline Israel because of their betrayal of Him. Then in V21, He intervenes and defends Israel and ultimately destroys Gog and the nations that have come against His people. It is amazing **how God controls** the outcome of nations!

How does this chapter and the example of God's discipline & defense of His chosen people influence how you will live your life for Him?

Read Ezekiel 16:43 & 58. Write out the dictionary definitions of:

Lewdness:

Consequences:

The Challenge

Read Hebrews 12:4-11. God loves us enough to discipline us and give us consequences in order to motivate us to return to Him. He wants you to have an abundant life! List below "7" reasons God disciplines us from Hebrew 12:7-11.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

God is Creator, Savior, Lord, Healer, Counselor, Daddy, Friend!

Get to Know Him. Talk with Him about the discipline you have received because of your sexual lusts and what He desires to accomplish in you through it...

DAY 5

Make Checking in with God a Daily Habit! Confess | Learn | Adjust

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 37:1-28

What did God speak to you out of today's reading? Why do you think He made that stand out to you?

Dry Bones! In the mid 90's, God spoke to my heart that these dried up bones were men stuck in sexual sin. Though they were saved, they were ineffective in their faith because of this hidden sin. He said he wanted to take these men and breathe new life into them by setting them free from their addictive lust. I believe He wants to raise up an army of freed men who are **pure, holy, and passionate about helping other men break free from the deadly grip of sexual sin!! (V10)**

Will you join me in the battle of training men how to have sexual integrity in this culture as we watch God breathe new life into them? What will it take for you to be part of this ARMY?

V15-17 is a picture of marriage. He takes two sticks representing two nations and joins them together making them ONE. He says they will never be divided again in V22. This is restoration! It is His heart to do this in your marriage, too! **His marriage equation is 1+1=1**. What had to happen according to V23 for these two sticks to remain united? Where are you in this process? Your thinking? Your eyes? Etc.?

The Challenge

As a Christian, God has put His Spirit in you to give you power to fight and win this battle against sexual lust! Read 1Thessalonians 5:19-24, then write a note to God sharing with Him about the Holy Spirit in you and how you want to live in the future...

DAY 2

Check in with God Daily - Confess yesterday's mistakes, Learn, Adjust.

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 6:1-7:13

What is God's message to you from today's reading?

What do you see as the overwhelming theme of this passage of Scripture?

God says "**HE WILL**" do something 32 times in the 27 verses in today's reading. What does this teach you about God?

Over 65 times in the Book of Ezekiel, God uses the phrase, "*then they will know that I am the Lord.*" Do you KNOW that He is the Lord? How should this change how you live?

Judgment is a necessary part of life. If you tell a child, "If you do that one more time, I will..." but don't follow through, they will learn to not listen to you. God has great follow through! Write to God about how and why you want to live according to His Word:

The Challenge

See God's heart in His judgment. Focus on the purpose of it. Grasp that His heart is to turn you back to Him to experience a life of blessing instead of painful consequences! He wants what is best for you! **Don't misinterpret His grace** and His willingness to forgive your sin as a license to sin. Have a healthy fear of His position as JUDGE as well as crucified Savior! **Don't invite His discipline** by the choices you are making. Instead, reap His peace, love, and joy from willing obedience! Today is the day! Start now!

Be Intimate with God Today in Your Conversation

Talk with God about the day you will meet Him face to face? What will you say to Him? What will it be like? Try to imagine... that day!

DAY 3

Talk with God about Your Yesterday. **Confess | Learn | Adjust**

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 33:1-20, 31-32

The **Revive40 ministry**, originally called GOG611 was formed after God gave revelation in Chapters 33-48 to the mission He has for us. He compared our battle against sexual sin with the last great battle in the Bible, **the Battle of Gog & Magog**. We believe He was saying sexual sin was going to be the last great battle Christian men will face before His return. He impressed on us that He would **REVIVE Christian men** who are walking around like **dead men** because of sexual sin in their lives by breathing “new life” into them as He did in 37:10 in the Valley of Dry Bones.

Then He restores the temple and ends the book saying, **“From that time on... THE LORD WILL BE THERE.”** Our mission is to see God breathe new life into these **dead men**, restore their lives, and see them experience the power of God living in them.

What is your reaction to V1-20 in today’s reading?

What is your reaction to V31-32 in today’s reading?

Write down the definition of PRACTICE. Do you PRACTICE your faith?

1) Why do people not put God’s Word into PRACTICE? 2) What does this reveal about their view of God? 3) How would life change if YOU PRACTICED God’s Word consistently?

1)

2)

3)

Your Challenge

To begin PRACTICING God’s Word daily. Remember, change takes time and intentional effort. You are human! You will fail at this! This is part of learning. Walk in HIS GRACE but PRACTICE! Here is one scripture to begin with to PRACTICE PRACTICING.

“You must rid yourself of all such things these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.” Col 3:8

Building an Intimate Relationship with God

Talk with Him about the difference of walking in His grace vs. using it as a cop out to sin.

DAY 4

Check in with God! Take just 5 Minutes. Make this a Habit. **Confess | Learn | Adjust**

Connection Passage - Ezekiel 36:22-38

Israel, God’s people in the OT, **had conformed to standards** of other religions and nations according to Ez 11:12. Because of this, Ez 11:19 says they developed **“hearts of stone.”** **But God**, in His loving & forgiving nature wanted to replace hard hearts with **“hearts of flesh.”** He wanted them to feel again how wrong sin was and clearly see the consequences and the damage it had done to their lives! **But God** says those who want to stay devoted to their sin will bring down on themselves the fruit of their sin according to Ez 11:21.

Do you feel God’s love for you in these verses or do you see His heavy hand of discipline resulting from your choices? Reflect on this and explain why you feel this way:

What spoke loudest to you today in the connection passage and why?

Write down the definition of LOATHE from the dictionary,

God says in V31, **“you will remember your evil ways... and loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices.”** If you are not breaking free from your addiction, it may be because you have not let yourself feel, and process how wrong what you have done is in the sight of God. **You may need to go back and let yourself feel this**, e.g., cry, repent, mourn the wasted time, money, ramifications. Count the cost! It will hurt, but maybe it’s what you need. You may want to do this with your coach or counselor.

Some of you may not be breaking free because you went there and now are staying there. You beat yourself up over & over about your sin and how much you have hurt people. In V24-30, you see **God’s heart is to** restore, cleanse, and bless you! The two sides of this coin may be keeping you stuck. Reflect on which one you are? Don’t write, just reflect!!

The Challenge

How do you get unstuck? Read Jesus’ words that speak to this in John 14: 26 & 16:7:

“Jesus said; the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you... when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.”

Jesus placed in us a Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach us, remind us, and ultimately guide us into TRUTH. Truth is what lays in the pages of the Bible between Genesis and Revelation. Truth is the way we are to make decisions. Truth is how to live to get the most out of this life. It defies our purpose and develops His plans for our lives. Seek to know God and His TRUTH and you may not need an earthly **counselor** again!

Spend Time Talking with God Today!

Listen to His loving heart of acceptance for you & His desire to change your heart to flesh.