

## Ezekiel's Call and Warning to Israel - Ezekiel 2:1-3:27

**Topics:** Accountability, Anger, Awe, Bitterness, Death, Evil, Fear, Glory, God's Will, Heart, Holy Spirit, Instructions, Listening, Mourning, Perseverance, Prophecy, Rebellion, Righteousness, Salvation, Silence, Sin, Stubbornness, Words

### Open It

1. What task have you had to perform even though it seemed unlikely to produce results?
- \* 2. What were some of the ways you manifested youthful rebellion?
3. How would you describe the longest period you have ever maintained silence?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What mission did God assign to the prophet Ezekiel? (2:3-5)
5. What images did God use to describe the reception Ezekiel was likely to get for his message? (2:6)
- \* 6. What warning did God give Ezekiel concerning his own behavior? (2:8)
7. What did God command Ezekiel to do with the scroll He presented to him? (2:8-9; 3:1-2)
8. How did the scroll taste to Ezekiel when he ate it? (3:3)
9. Who did God know would have been more receptive to His word than His own people? (3:5-7)
- \* 10. What did God promise to do for Ezekiel in the face of the stubbornness of the Jews? (3:8-9)
11. Where were the Jews to whom Ezekiel carried God's message? (3:10-11)
12. What was Ezekiel's experience of the glory of God when God had finished speaking to him? (3:12-13)
13. How did Ezekiel describe his state of mind after being commissioned by God? (3:14-15)
14. What was Ezekiel's role in relation to Israel? (3:17)
15. How did God explain Ezekiel's accountability for speaking God's Word to a wicked man? (3:18-19)
16. Under what circumstances would Ezekiel be accountable for the death of a righteous person? (3:20-21)
17. What experience did Ezekiel have again after his seven days of mourning? (3:22-23)
18. How did God establish when Ezekiel was to speak or remain silent? (3:24-27)

### Get It

19. In what ways could your church share God's characterization of Israel as "obstinate" and "hardened"?
20. How does your concern for the reactions of others affect your desire to do what God wants?
21. What is most difficult about confronting someone about his or her faults?
22. Why do you suppose the scroll containing God's words of "lament and mourning and woe" tasted good to Ezekiel?
- \* 23. What is the Christian's responsibility with regard to unbelievers or believers who fall into sin?
24. Why was it appropriate for Ezekiel to follow the traditional actions of mourning?
- \* 25. Why is it important that God emphasizes the responsibility of individual choice?

### Apply It

26. What nagging area of rebellion can you ask God to change in you this week?
- \* 27. For what rebellious or unbelieving friend or neighbor can you begin to pray, looking for an opportunity to warn him or her of God's righteous judgment and tell him or her of God's mercy?