# DRAMATIC MESSAGES FROM GOD

Ezekiel 4-7, 12

### Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- Would you consider yourself rebellious? Why or why not?
- How would you define the word consequences?

We gain a deeper understanding of God's character and heart by studying the messages God gives to Ezekiel for the Israelites. God never stops trying to get his people's attention. Through Ezekiel's dramatic visions, God gives his people the opportunity to both listen to and visualize his words. And he goes to such great lengths because he wants his people to recognize and understand that sin and rebellion have very real consequences.

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### Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Can you imagine what it might have been like to be an Israelite who witnessed Ezekiel perform the actions God instructed him to do? How do you think you would have responded?
- What did you learn about God's character or God's nature by listening to this episode? Or of which aspect of God's character or nature did you gain a deeper understanding?
- Even though Ezekiel's messages about rebellion and exile are focused on Israel, what do they teach us or help us understand today? How does this knowledge and understanding benefit us in light of our relationship with Jesus?
- In segment 3, host Darrell Delaney says, "Isn't it interesting, Scott, that we don't always believe there are consequences for our actions? I mean, we just think that sometimes God will just overlook things and not judge it or not pay attention; but we do serve a God who is paying attention to those things." Think back over your life. When has this statement been true for you? How did God help you recognize the consequences of your sin?
- What happens to the consequences of our sin and rebellion in light of the grace we receive through Jesus? How should or does this impact the way you live?

### Related Passages

- **Deuteronomy 28**
- **Genesis 6:5-7**
- **Isaiah 49:1-7**
- **Genesis 12:1-3**

- **Matthew 21:33-46**
- **John 3:16-17**

### Conclusion

What are some of the consequences you've experienced in your life as a result of your defiance or rebellion? Were you warned in advance? Think about the state of your heart right now—is God trying to get your attention? Spend some time in prayer. Thank God that he loves and cares for you enough to get your attention. Seek wisdom and understanding regarding any consequences that might be in your future because of the choices you have made or are making. Remember and give thanks that exile and consequences are not the end of the story, rather in Jesus Christ you receive grace.

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