



EZEKIEL

**God is in the business of taking broken things
and using them for good.**

Ezekiel's Illustrations

Ezekiel 4:1-3 - Bricks & Catapults

Ezekiel 4:4-6 - Lays on his left side for 390 days and on his right side for 40 days.

Ezekiel 4:9-15 - Eats bread cooked over dung.

Ezekiel 5:1-4 - Shaves his beard and cuts 1/3, burns 1/3 and puts 1/3 in his pocket.

Death of Ezekiel's Wife

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, with one blow I am about to take away from you the delight of your eyes. Yet do not lament or weep or shed any tears. Groan quietly; do not mourn for the dead. Keep your turban fastened and your sandals on your feet; do not cover your mustache and beard or eat the customary food of mourners." So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. The next morning I did as I had been commanded. Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things have to do with us?"

Ezekiel 24:15-19

Restoration

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land."

Ezekiel 36:24

"My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Ezekiel 37:27

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4

Words of Encouragement

1. Don't _____

"But take heart!" = Have courage. Be bold. Don't give up.

2. Jesus can use _____ for _____.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...

Romans 8:28

3. You're not _____.

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand.

Psalms 10:14