

HOW CAN WE ACCOMPLISH THE DIFFICULT TASK OF MINISTRY?

Lessons from Ezekiel's Call Part 4 Ezekiel 3:22-27

- I. **REVIEW: UNDERSTAND THE LIFE AND DEATH RESPONSIBILITY THOSE WHO ARE TO SHARE HIS WORD BEAR (18-21)**

- II. **REMEMBER GOD EMPOWERS THOSE WHO SIMPLY TRUST & OBEY (22-27)**
 - A. **Realize OBEDIENCE LEADS TO AN ACCURATE VIEW OF GOD:** Ezekiel is commanded to go out the plain to hear from the Lord, he obeys and encounters the glory of the Lord like at Chebar **(22-23a)**

 - B. **Know GOD EMPOWERS THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES BEFORE HIM:** Ezekiel falls on His face in response and the Spirit stood him up and told him to shut himself up in his house **(23b-24)**

 - C. **Then OBEY REGARDLESS OF EXTERNAL OPPOSITION, KNOWING GOD HAS ALLOWED IT:** Ezekiel is then told that he will be bound and unable to go out among the exiles **(25)**

 - D. **Then OBEY, SPEAKING HIS WORDS NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, REGARDLESS IF THEY LISTEN:** Ezekiel is told by the Lord that He will make him dumb so that he cannot rebuke the rebellious exiles but only speak when the Lord opens his mouth and share His message regardless to whether they listen or not **(26-27)**