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A Fresh Start.

Ezekiel 1

This passage surpasses any Hollywood action movie. It is truly original. Do you have a favourite action movie portraying things on a grand scale?

Read Ezekiel 1

There are 3 surprises in this complex layered passage.

What is your initial response to the chapter?

Verse 1-3 orientate us.

What country/ region are we in.

What is the River.

What do we learn about Ezekiel and Israel.

Concerning the whole passage and vision given to Ezekiel, what could be the purpose of it for Ezekiel (commission, inspire etc.)?

How could such a vision help in his call and work? When have you recently experienced a vision/call/ word from God for a specific purpose. How did it help you.

Verse 4-14 introduce layers of detail.

Elements bring creatures on a chariot.

Name the 4 creatures and characteristics they could represent. (ox - work diligence, lion strength, eagle precision, human wisdom/creatures - domestic, wild, bird, human. What position is God placed in relation to the creatures. (overall / in charge)

Where do you need to know / remember that God is in charge. How can knowing that, help you in your situation. Does it change the way you do anything.





To the creatures are added turning wheels which are constantly moving with multiple eyes seeing in all directions perhaps indicating serving and responding to God.

If you look at your life, are you constantly alert to seeing and serving God?

What stops you if you are not? What could help you to be more responsive to seeing and serving God?

Verse 22-28

Gives the picture of the glittering crystal ceiling with a sapphire throne above where God reigns in radiance.

What characteristics of God does this suggest to you?

Do we minimise the glory majesty and radiance of God? Why?

How could contemplating the glory, position and radiance of God help you each day and in your challenges?

How can we become more attuned to the glory of God?

From the whole vision God is revealed to Ezekiel as being present where Ezekiel is (not only in the temple in Jerusalem)?

How can God present with you, help you each day?

Ezekiel is called to serve as a priest and prophet bringing God's message to the people.

You are a priest in God's service holy and chosen. How does this help, challenge, and encourage you to speak and share God's words and ways?