

# The Book of Ezekiel



# Like the birds

The false prophetesses' actions are compared to what was often done with birds: they were leisurely hunted and trapped for sport

However, God will not let their fun continue, because he snaps the bonds that held the people's souls and lets them fly away, free from their captors

With what might a person be restrained that keeps them from the truth? Are some restraints tighter than others? Are Christians still restrained in their faith?



# Don't give up

With so much falsehood being tossed around, the true believers among the people felt as though it was time for them to give up

But none of this disheartening talk came from God and neither did the encouragement of wickedness, so God will slam the door on their reign

What do you think God means by “disheartened”? Is being disheartened an appropriate Christian response to the issues of the day? Why or why not?



# Stumbling block

Ezekiel's words and actions started off by eliciting no response, but now a portion of elders comes to him with a question and anxiously await the answer

By setting a stumbling block before the elders, Ezekiel has given them pause, but he also hopes that they will stop placing their own stumbling blocks before the people

Which stumbling blocks are most common for unbelievers? Believers? What should be done when facing one?



# Hesitation

Ezekiel hesitates and debates whether he should even speak to them at this point, because they are so far from truth and righteousness

He also might be doubting his own ability to make an impact, but God assures Him that it is He who will speak to them when they come calling

What can make it difficult to talk to another individual? Which overlapping and unique challenges are there when talking about your faith?

