

When the Bible is Hard to Read: Ezekiel 16Week 11 in *Visions of God* Series

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Learning from Hard Bible Passages

1. _____ for understanding from the Holy Spirit

2. Work to understand the passage in its original language & culture
 - ✦ Orphans were _____ (see Ezekiel 22:7)

 - ✦ Why is God _____ = **קִינְיָה** = qin-ah? (v 38)

3. Beware of _____ on your part – let God speak!

4. Accept that sometimes you will _____

Thoughts from Ezekiel 16

- ✦ Our lack of love for God _____
- ✦ God _____ His people when we persist in evil



Remember!

The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review) open our lives to God's love and direction and power.

Good Morning God should be the first thing we do every day when waking up. The *Spiritual Boost* connects us with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when we have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, we finish our day with *Good Night Review*, and this allows God's joy and forgiveness to come to us as we drift into sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and you will be amazed at how they affect your life. Give it a try and see how you are fundamentally changed by time with God!

Here are suggested readings in the Bible for your **Spiritual Boosts** this week:

Day 1: Ezekiel 16:1-8

- ✳ How did God care for you when others didn't?

Day 2: Ezekiel 16:9-14

- ✳ Do you believe that God wants to bless you? If not, think how God might bless you like the woman described in these verses.

Day 3: Ezekiel 16:15-22

- ✳ How do people take God's good gifts and use them for evil?

Day 4: Ezekiel 16:23-34

- ✳ Think of an area that you struggle to follow God's way. There is often a silliness about choosing that over God's best. What is silly about your poor choice?

Day 5: Ezekiel 16:35-42

- ✳ God's anger lasts only for a short time, but do you want to fight against God or with God?