Preparing to Do What God Has Called You To Do

Ezekiel 3:1–15

A Three-Point Sermon on Divine Preparation

INTRODUCTION

Theme

Before God sends us out, He works deeply within us. He prepares us by filling us with His Word, strengthening us for resistance, and settling us in His presence.

Proposition

If we are going to do what God has called us to do, we must receive His Word, develop holy resolve, and learn to rest under His hand before we move forward.

I	II	III
Filled with His Word	Strengthened for Resistance	Settled Under His Hand

The Pattern of Preparation

EZEKIEL 3:1–15

Ezekiel was not called into an easy assignment. He was called to speak for God to a stubborn and rebellious people in exile. Yet before God told Ezekiel to speak, God first prepared Ezekiel himself.

That is still God's pattern today. We often want the assignment without the preparation, the platform without the process, and the responsibility without the reshaping. But God knows that if the vessel is not prepared, the work will not be sustained.

> ***Illustration:*** *A contractor does not begin building by hanging doors and painting walls. He first measures the foundation, studies the plans, and makes sure the structure can carry the weight that is coming.*

POINT I

God Prepares Us by Filling Us with His Word

Ezekiel 3:1–3

God told Ezekiel, "eat this scroll." Before he could speak the Word, he had to receive the Word. Before he could deliver the message, he had to digest the message. This was more than information; it was internalization.

Public ministry must flow from private intake.



Supporting Scriptures

POINT I • FILLED WITH HIS WORD

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.

Psalm 119:103

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Illustration: *A cook cannot serve a meal that has never been prepared. Owning a Bible is not the same as being filled with Scripture.*



POINT II

God Prepares Us by Strengthening Us for Resistance

Ezekiel 3:4–11

God made Ezekiel's forehead "strong against their foreheads." He gave him the inner toughness needed for an outwardly difficult assignment. When God calls us, He does not always remove opposition, but He does provide strength to endure it.

God never calls His people to fold under pressure.

Supporting Scriptures

POINT II • STRENGTHENED FOR RESISTANCE

Joshua 1:9

Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Isaiah 50:7

For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Illustration: *Steel is strengthened in fire. A blade becomes useful because it has been heated, hammered, and tempered. God uses pressure to prepare His servants.*



POINT III

God Prepares Us by Settling Us Under His Hand

Ezekiel 3:12–15

Ezekiel was carried by the Spirit and sat astonished among the captives for seven days. He did not rush immediately into activity. Sometimes preparation is not loud; it is silent. God prepares us by teaching us how to sit still under His hand.

Waiting seasons are not wasted seasons.

Supporting Scriptures

POINT III • SETTLED UNDER HIS HAND

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God.

Lamentations 3:26

It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Galatians 1:15–18

Even Paul had a season of withdrawal before public ministry expanded. Waiting seasons are not wasted seasons when God is shaping the servant.

Illustration: *Before an airplane takes off, there is a period of waiting and positioning on the runway. God's pauses are part of God's preparation.*

Practical Application

Do not despise His preparation.

Have I truly taken in God's Word?

Let Him fill you with His Word.

Am I asking God for courage instead of comfort?

Let Him strengthen your heart against resistance.

Am I willing to sit still long enough for God to prepare me?

Let Him quiet your spirit under His hand.

When God prepares the servant, the servant can fulfill the assignment.

CALL TO ACTION

Will You Let God Prepare You?

Today, God is calling you to surrender to His process.

Open your heart to His Word. Stand firm in His strength.

Be still under His hand. And when He says go — go.

Lord, I am willing. Prepare me.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" — Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)