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<u>Connection</u>

Was there a time recently when your life or the world felt chaotic to you? Describe that.

<u>Content</u>

The Bible has a lot to say about what is going on around us and in our hearts. A lot of what we see in our news feeds and in our culture is full of craziness and chaos, which can translate into our hearts. The same was true in the days of Ezekiel. And so God told Ezekiel to speak into it.

God's Unchanging Nature

1. Read Psalm 102:25-27 and James 1:17. God's nature is unchanging; He is the same God today as He was thousands of years ago. He has never and will never change. Why is that fact so important to our faith?

2. Read Numbers 23:19 and Hebrews 6:18-19. How have you experienced God as an "anchor" for your soul?

God's Goodness

3. Read Ezra 3:11. God's goodness will never falter. God loves his people, and His love endures forever. This chorus was spoken when the foundation of God's temple was put into place. In what way is the truth of this verse foundational to our Christian faith?

An Unforeseen Experience With God

4. Read Ezekiel 1:1-3. At church, we hope to create a place where you can gather with others to experience God together. However, God can let you experience Him anywhere, and in the most unlikely of places. When have you experienced God in a unlikely way?

An Unexpected Vision From God

5. Read Ezekiel 1:4-9. God made something very clear here: we can not understand everything about Him. We try to make God manageable, we try to put God in a box, we try to control God. Why do you think that is?

It is actually good news that we can't manage God. Why is that?

<u>Commitment</u>

6. Read Ezekiel 1:10-14 Ezekiel 10:14, and Revelation 4:6-8.

When we look at God, and we look at his Word, there are times we will feel confused, where we may not understand what is before us. Each of these passages, which may seem confusing at first are actually pointing to and describing Jesus.

Take time this week and reflect on these passages and then spend time in prayer, thanking God for providing everlasting love and life through Jesus.