Follow All Three Generations in Ezekiel 18 - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Read Ezekiel 18:1-20 through its three-generation examples and closing statement. Distinguish a person's own moral responsibility from both ancestry and the real effects another person's wrong can cause.

Hypothetical example: A parent corrects a summary that judged all three generations alike by tracing the conduct the passage assigns to each, without labeling actual relatives.

01 Begin with the proverb being challenged

Read the sour-grapes proverb and the Lord's response.

Proverb questioned

Lord's opening claim

Question being answered

02 Keep each generation's actions on its own line

Trace the conduct of all three generations in the examples.

First generation conduct

Second generation conduct

Third generation conduct

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03 Distinguish guilt from the effects of another's wrong

Read the final guilt statement without denying effects on others.

Responsibility statement

Guilt versus harmful effect

Care question to address

04 Use the diagram to clarify, not to classify a family

Correct a blanket reading claim using a three-line text aid.

Reading error to correct

Text lines that correct it

Wider doctrine question