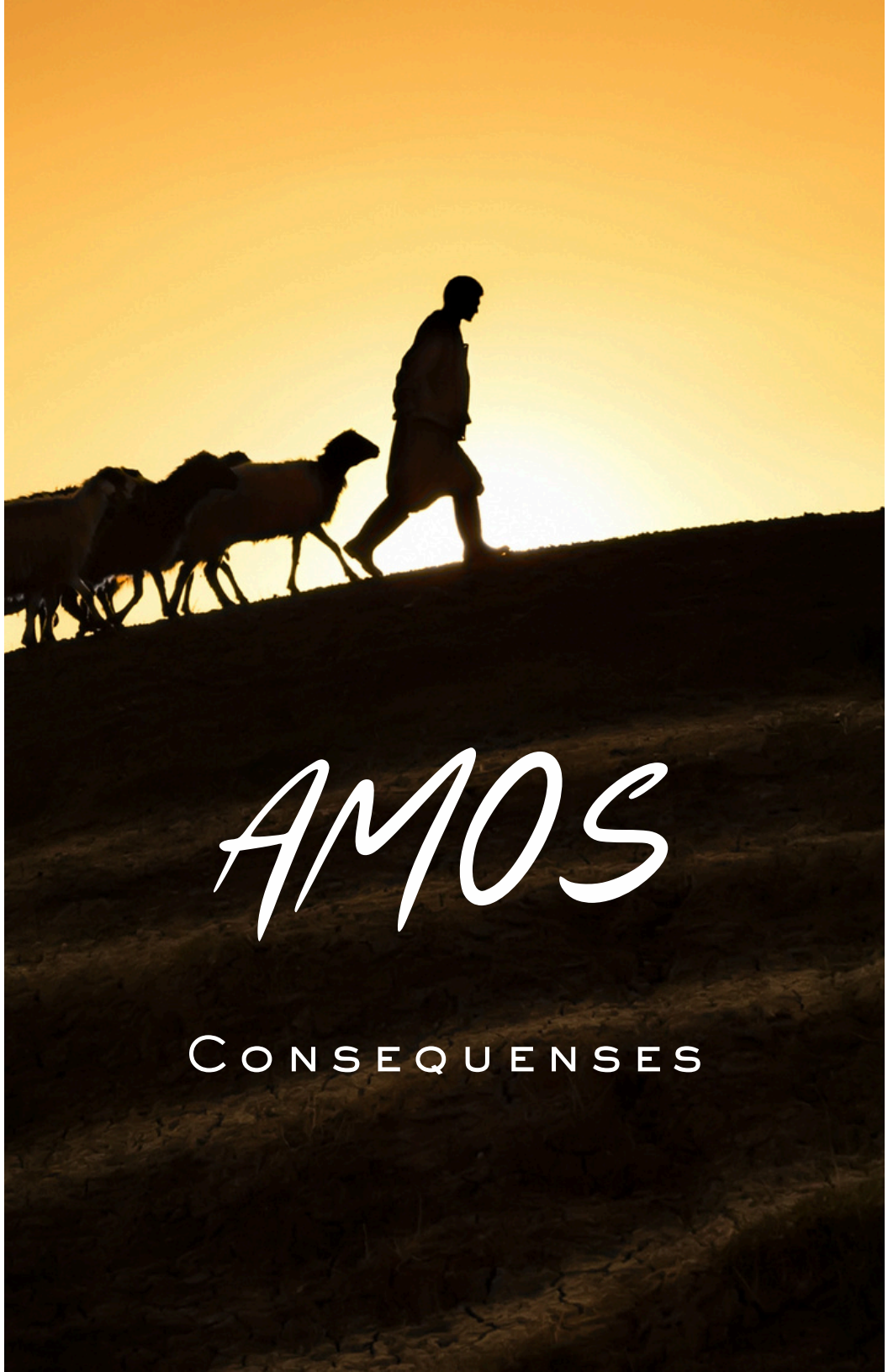




AMOS

CONSEQUENCES

Know

Amos

- Amos was a shepherd from Judah whom God sent to prophesy to Israel, the northern kingdom.
- Israel was prosperous and powerful, making it easy to assume their success meant they were right with God.
- God judged each nation for its own sins, including violence, cruelty, betrayal, slavery, injustice, and rejecting His law.

2 Kings 5

- Naaman, a Syrian army commander with leprosy, came to Israel seeking healing from Elisha.
- Elisha told him to wash seven times in the Jordan. Naaman obeyed and God healed him.
- Naaman acknowledged Israel's God and offered Elisha gifts in gratitude.
- Elisha refused the gifts, showing that God's healing could not be bought.
- Gehazi, Elisha's servant, witnessed Elisha refuse Naaman's gifts.

Read

2 Kings 5:19-27

¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" ²² And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.'" ²³ And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." ²⁶ But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? ²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

Ask

- Going through hard times doesn't always mean God is punishing us, and having everything go well doesn't always mean God approves of what we're doing. How does that change the way you view what happens in your life or the lives of others? Based on that, how should we evaluate whether our choices are actually right or wrong?
- Sin doesn't always result in something obvious like getting caught, being punished, or losing something. How can our choices slowly change our character, conscience, relationships, or the way others trust us? Could those effects sometimes be more serious than getting caught?
- Gehazi's failure didn't happen all at once: he wanted something, went after it, lied to get it, hid what he had done, and then lied again when confronted. Why does one bad decision often make the next one easier? Where in that process do you think it becomes hardest to turn around?
- We sometimes justify our choices by saying, "It only affects me," but Amos shows sin impacting families, communities, and even nations. Are there really choices that only affect us? How can something that seems personal eventually impact our friends, family, church, or future relationships, and how should knowing that affect the decisions we make?
- God can completely forgive us without immediately fixing everything our choices caused. Why might God allow us to work through those results instead of simply taking them away? When someone else is going through this, how can we show compassion and forgiveness without keeping them from something God may use to help them grow?

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Prayer Requests

Gospel Sharing Tool

1. Ask Permission

"Can I ask you a spiritual question?"

2. Ask Two Questions

- "What do you think happens after we die?"
- "If God asked, 'Why should I let you into heaven?' what would you say?"

3. Listen

Listen carefully and repeat back what you heard to make sure you understand.

4. Share the Gospel

Use this simple outline:

- God – God loves us and created us to know Him.
- Us – We have all sinned and are separated from God.
- Jesus – Jesus died and rose again to pay for our sins.
- Response – We must repent and trust Jesus as Lord and Savior.

5. Invite

"Where are you at with Jesus?"

6. Follow Up

"Would you like to read the Bible or talk more about this sometime?"

7. Pray

"Can I pray for you or pray with you?"



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