

## Taking It Home

In Obadiah we see that evil, pride and arrogance will not go unpunished, but those who are faithful to God have reasons to be hopeful, because God is sovereign. His love is such that he accepts us just the way we are but refuses to leave us there. He has gone to great lengths, all the way to Calvary, to make possible our relationship with him. Have you ever felt that you were out of favor with him, that his presence had left? When these troubling thoughts seem to overwhelm you, ask yourself if you would ever abandon those you love the most. What lengths would you go to in order to help your loved ones? God is exponentially more determined to restore us to himself. Psalm 46:1-2 says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”



### Life group lesson—Obadiah Week of 2/8/15

#### Quick Review:

What insight, principle or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening or troubling?

#### My Story:

1. Obadiah writes after calamity has struck Judah. For us, that would be like when we were attacked on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Do you remember where you were and how you felt on that day?

## Digging deeper:

This week we studied the book of Obadiah. In it we see an example of God's reaction to those who would harm his children. The Edomites were descendants of Jacob's brother Esau. They were blood relatives of the Israelites, yet when Judah was in trouble, rather than rushing to their protection, they gloated over their problems, captured and delivered Israelite fugitives to their enemies and even looted Israel's countryside. God's word to Edom through Obadiah was that because of their cowardice and pride, because of their defiance of God and because of their treachery toward Judah, they stood condemned and would be destroyed. Any nation who trusts in its power, wealth, wisdom or anything else it prides itself in is in danger of being brought low. God is who we should trust in. And we can trust that he will defend his children and eventually bring about true justice.

1. Read Genesis 27:41-44 and Genesis 33:4, 12-17. What was the relationship like between Jacob and Esau?
2. Edom had natural fortifications in that they were surrounded by mountains with limited access, a seemingly invincible home. According to Obadiah 1:3-4, who were they still vulnerable to?
3. Read verses 5-9. What else did Edom trust in? What did God say would be the outcome?
4. What do verses 10-14 tell us about Edom's attitudes and actions towards Judah during their trouble?
5. Discuss what is meant by "The day of the Lord" in verses 15-16.
6. Judah has already faced God's punishment in Obadiah, but in verses 17-21 we read of reasons to be hopeful. Discuss the messages of hope this passage contains.