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For *Amos: Let Justice Roll – And Yet, Here We Are*

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Amos 3

1. Israel thought being God's people meant they would get a "pass." Where are you most tempted to assume that because you are a Christian, certain consequences or expectations don't apply to you?
2. Amos shows being close to God means being held to a higher standard, not a lower one. How should knowing God change the way you think about the way you live?
3. "Worshipping immoral gods leads to immoral actions, while worshipping a just God leads to just actions." What does the way you treat other people reveal about what you truly value or worship?
4. Israel had convinced themselves that their actions were acceptable because they could justify them. Why is it so easy for us to confuse what is "allowed" with what is actually right? Can you think of an example from everyday life?
5. Amos was willing to be a "holy contrarian"—to say what needed to be said even when people didn't want to hear it. When are you most tempted to care more about what people think of you than what God thinks of you?
6. Israel had accumulated wealth while using and oppressing others. What are some ways people today can pursue success, popularity, money, or comfort while ignoring how their choices affect other people?
7. The people of Israel trusted their religion and their wealth to protect them, but neither could save them. What are some things we might be tempted to trust for security instead of God? What makes those things so attractive?
8. God's judgment was a form of grace because it was stopping Israel from continuing down a destructive path. How can God's correction be an expression of His love? Why is correction sometimes difficult for us to receive?
9. The sermon ends by contrasting the "shepherd," who brings back pieces of what is left, with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gives Himself and pays the cost. How does that change the way you think about the seriousness of sin and the greatness of Jesus' sacrifice?