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## Walk the Line

**Amos 7:7-15 | Session 10.28**

### Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Set aside three chairs and provide pens and paper (See Context).
- Listen to the FaithElement podcast for this session.
- Use the social media prompts on this session's web page to help youth begin engaging the session ahead of their gathering.
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at [faithelement.net](http://faithelement.net).

### Intro

Watch the "World's Worst Attempt at Parallel Parking" and ask:

- How do you feel about this driver and why?
- When have you been with someone who was having a hard time doing something right?
- How do you generally feel when you see someone else struggle, and what difference does it make when the thing that they struggle to do is something you might have to do, too?
- How long do you typically stick with something that is hard to do before giving up, and why?

## Context

Select two or three teams, give each some pens and paper, and have them choose a volunteer who is wearing shoes with laces. Have the volunteers take off their shoes and sit in chairs in front of the group, with their shoes in their laps, and tell each team that they have a few minutes to come up with instructions for their teammate to tie their shoes and walk across the meeting area. Their volunteer will have to follow their team's instructions exactly, so the teams will need to consider the person to whom they are giving the instructions and plan accordingly. There will be up to three rounds, so they do not have to complete all the instructions on the first try.

After making sure that everyone understands the instructions, give the teams about five minutes to write their first set of instructions, then give them to their volunteer, who has to follow them exactly. After their first attempt, give them another chance or two, as time allows. Once a team has succeeded at their task, or you are out of time, stop and ask:

- Which team got farthest along and how did they do it?
- What was the most difficult part of doing this and why?
- What are some other things that you struggle to get right sometimes, and why do you struggle?
- How fair do you think it is to expect people to do everything correctly in real life?
- What difference does someone's attitude make when it comes to judging their actions?

## Content

Read [Amos 7:7-15](#), then watch the Bible Background Video before and ask:

- What does a plumb-line really do and why is that a good image to use when talking about society?
- By what criteria was God judging people in this passage and in what ways does that differ from the ways God judges today?
- What threat was God making to the people in this passage and how might a similar threat be phrased for today?
- What parallels do we have today from the way the priest and king in this passage responded to Amos' words?
- What are some things that need saying today that we, like Amos, might be reluctant to say and why?

## Closure

Watch together the ["Real English: How to Complain About a Problem" video](#) and ask:

- Some people tend think instructional videos are boring, while others think they're pretty funny. How do you feel about this video and why?
- What was the best or worst advice you heard from this teacher and why?
- What are some small things that you think people should or should not complain about and why?
- What are some of the bigger things that people should feel responsible to complain or otherwise take action about and why?
- Amos seemed to have a lot of excuses for why he couldn't speak for God. What are some of the things that you think you're not qualified to speak about and why?
- Where should Christians draw the line between being "nice" and resisting injustice and what are the consequences of that choice?
- Over what kinds of things might your group need to take action, and how might you do it?

Close this session in prayer.