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In vs 14-15 Amos explains that he is not a prophet by trade, training, or choice, but by call. Has God ever called you into a role, position, or task which you would not have chosen for yourself? How did you respond?

Amos faces stiff opposition from Amaziah and Jeroboam because his preaching is considered dangerous to the king, the state, and the status quo. What teachings from scripture make you uncomfortable or feel dangerous to the status quo today? What is a healthy response in this situation? Name a time when a deeply held belief of yours was challenged by scripture and you allowed your belief/position to be changed. How did you meet God in the process?

Amaziah and Jeroboam seek the quick-fix of silencing Amos rather than doing the hard work of listening to God and confronting sin. Where do you personally struggle with this temptation? Where do you see our society struggling with this temptation? Where do you see the Christian Church struggle with this temptation?

When Amaziah tries to silence Amos he is actually trying to silence the Spirit of God. How do we as Christians make sure we do not fall into this same trap? How do we make sure we make space to hear what The Spirit wants to say rather than just making space for what we want to hear?

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