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*“This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: Behold, I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life”*

Ezek. 37:5

## **I. Prophecy – Receive the Word of the Lord (Ezek. 37:4,7)**

- A. Process part 1 - The foundation of God’s work - His word
- B. Communicating with God! Our connection, our communion, our cooperation with God’s will
- C. Notice that Ezekiel did not just recite the Torah to the bones – No this was NEW revelation from God  
“Hear (shama) the word (dabar = the spoken word – the personal revelation) of the Lord (Yahweh)”
- D. We hear the word spoken – the Logos and the Rhema (Heb. 4:12)
  - 1. Preachers/proclaimers - Proclaim as led by the Holy Spirit
  - 2. Through reading out loud - Inspired and interpreted by the Holy Spirit
  - 3. Through the spirit - Directly from the Spirit to our hearts

## **II. Physical – Return all of our Lives back to His Control (Ezek. 37:6,7b,8)**

- A. Process part 2 - The Lords puts together the four parts of physical/emotional life
- B. Four parts of physical/emotional life
  - 1. Bones – body = existence – The bones were kept as a memorial – the bone box in tombs
  - 2. Tendons – That which directs the movements = strength – attaching bone to muscle (Gen. 32)
  - 3. Flesh – Our SELF = our self-image and our humanity – dying to self (Ezek. 36:26)
  - 4. Skin – Outward appearance/identity = How we believe others see us - what we think we look like
- C. God’s design – God’s work – “I will” - We have to be built by God’s wisdom and not earthly wisdom
- D. Dying to Self looks like – from the mouth of God about Israel: (Ezek. 37:11)

Three levels of brokenness:

  - 1. “Bones are dried up” – personal - our destiny – our future influence is over
  - 2. “Our hope is gone” – national - we are defeated as a people and as a nation
  - 3. “we are cut off” – spiritual - we have lost our connection to God – He has given up on us
- E. “But there was no breath in them” - form without power is useless (vs. 8)

## **III. Pnuema – Release ourselves to the Ruach = life (Ezek. 37:5,6b,9,10a)**

- A. Process part 3 and the power - God’s work through the power of the Holy Spirit
- B. God uses the prophecies of Ezekiel to conclude the process
- C. “Breath” = Spirit = “Ruach” of God
- D. “Four winds” – from the extent of the world and the extent of heaven!

(Matt. 13:27; Mk. 13:27; Isa. 11:12; Jer. 49:36)
- E. The goal: “You will come to life!” (John 10:7-11)