# GETTING TO KNOW HIM

Part 13 – God's Transformation of the Valley of Dry Bones

#### Ezekiel 37:1-14

# **Ezekiel 37:1 - NIV** The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

#### He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

#### I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

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

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'

Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."

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# The Historical Background of the Text and of the Valley of Dry Bones

Israelites worshipped other gods and developed false beliefs Israelites were slaves in Babylon and other places Israel, Jerusalem, and the Holy **Temple were destroyed** Israelites had no hope, no future, and no life!

# What & Where Are the Valleys of Dry Bones in Your Life and Heart?

There Are Valleys of Dry **Bones Everywhere!** In our workplaces, homes, schools, neighborhoods, churches, families, and in our relationships. Most importantly, there are valleys of dry bones in our hearts too!

**Principle #1** 

Necessary ingredients of true transformation

 The Presence of the Triune God
Our love for and surrender to His will and His Word.

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the **Spirit of the Lord and set me in** the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

# **Ezekiel 37:2** He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, <u>'Dry</u> bones, hear the word of the Lord!

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: <u>I will make</u> breath (*spirit*) enter you, and you will come to life.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."

**Ezekiel 37:7** So | prophesied as | was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

# **Ezekiel 37:10** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.



#### It is up to God to choose *what, when, where,* and *how* He is going to transform us.

# He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

#### I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

What, When, Where, How What? – The Valley of Dry Bones: Covenant, Israel, Hope, Life When? – Past, Present and Future Where? – In Babylon How? – Thru Exile, Slavery, **Purification and Miracles** 

# **Principle #3**

The same God that Transformed the Dry Bones, is the same God that resurrected Jesus Christ, and He is the same God who can **Transform our personal Valleys of** Dry Bones as well.

# Principle #4

Like fully formed bodies with muscles and flesh but no breath, some of us are still walking around going thru the motions of a gospel centered life, trying to do what we know is right but without the power of the Holy Spirit.



# Jade Angelica's Forgiveness

# Alzheimer's Disease

# Principle #5

**Every area in us that is** Transformed by God, becomes anointed by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of providing healing and power to minister to others. It is all about producing spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God.

# **Ezekiel 37:10** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army.

The events of our lives that we thought were a total waste, forever lost, unspeakable, unforgiveable and un-healable; through the power of the Lord's healing and transformation, can now go from being a valley of dry bones to being a nutrient-rich, fertile ground that will produce spiritual fruit.

As the spiritual fruit in those areas that have been transformed continue to increase, so too will the Holy Spirit's power, anointing and authority to minister to others, through us, increase as well.

# **Principle #6**

As God continues His Transformative works in us, He empowers us to better know, to better see, to better feel, and to better love the Lord with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and all our strength!

Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

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