

## Seeking Holy Ground in 2023: Revive

Ezekiel 37:7-14

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**Ezekiel 37:7-14:** 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. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-- a vast army. <sup>11</sup> 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.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy 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. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> 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.'" (NIV)

### Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with visions of hopelessness

\_\_\_\_\_ to desperation: Then the Lord said to me: "Son of dust, these bones are like my people who have given up! They are saying: Our bones are completely parched because our hope has been destroyed with our dreams, and there is nothing to hold us together as a people!"

Ezekiel 37:11 (JOT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the power of revitalizing hope

\_\_\_\_\_ the hopeless visions: Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "Only you know, Almighty LORD." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones. Tell them, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD.'" Ezekiel 37:3-4 (GWN)

\_\_\_\_\_ God's power: So I spoke to the dry bones as I was commanded. There was a shaking like an earthquake and the noise of the bones moving. But then there was the harmonious sound of bones coming to together.... Then I looked and everything was coming together.... Ezekiel 37:7-8 (JOT)

\_\_\_\_\_ God's faithfulness: "When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am GOD. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am GOD. I've said it and I'll do it. GOD's Decree." Ezekiel 37:13-14 (MSG)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ our struggling spirits

Heart \_\_\_\_\_ "I will put in you a new heart and a new spirit. I will take away the heart of stone...I will put my Holy Spirit in you and it will help you go in the way of righteousness and you will seek the things I desire...." Ezekiel 36:26-27 (JOT)

### Spiritual Action Step:

Do you need a new heart filled with hope? Do you need God's second wind in the sails of your soul? Allow God to remove the heart of stone and give you a new spirit of hope. It begins by acknowledging that you need God's help and forgiveness. God desires for you to hear the Living Word of God in Jesus Christ. Only Jesus can bring you out of the tomb of your sins and give you life eternal. He will create in you a new heart and a right spirit. This week read John 3 and Ezekiel 36-37 to allow the Word of God to speak into your life.

*Translations: NIV: New International Version (2011); JOT: Jon's Own Translation; GWN: God's Word for the Nations; MSG: The Message.*