



EZEKIEL

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

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EZEKIEL 37:1-14

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37 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. 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. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

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⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ 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.’”

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⁷ 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. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

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⁹ 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.’” 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.

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¹¹ 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.’ ¹² 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.

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¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ 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.’”

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

- What do you see, mountains or possibilities?
- What do you hear, the voice of the world or the voice of God?
- What do you speak, life or death?



WHAT DO YOU SEE? MOUNTAINS OR POSSIBILITIES?

- *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.*
- Sometimes the truth is hard to see, but we need to see it nonetheless



WHAT DO YOU SEE? MOUNTAINS OR POSSIBILITIES?

- It's OK to see the mountains, but we also need to see the possibilities beyond the mountains.



WHAT DO YOU SEE? MOUNTAINS OR POSSIBILITIES?

- ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”
- Ezekiel is saying “With you in control...possibly...”
- With God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)



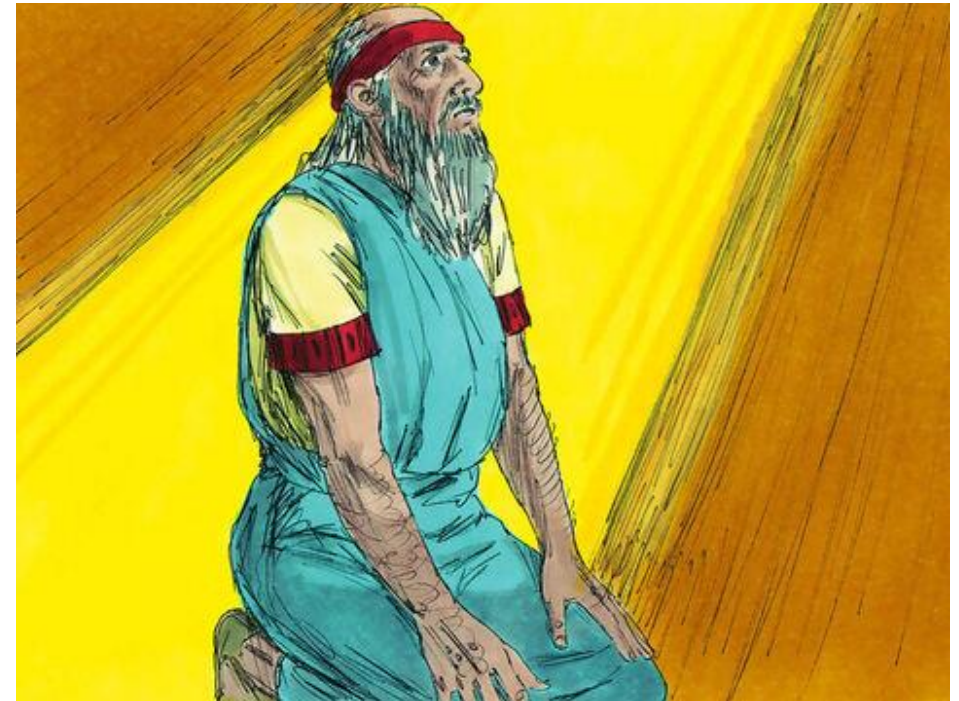
WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

THE VOICE OF THE WORLD, OR THE VOICE OF GOD?

- “What you hear is what you see is what you do”

Buddy Harrison

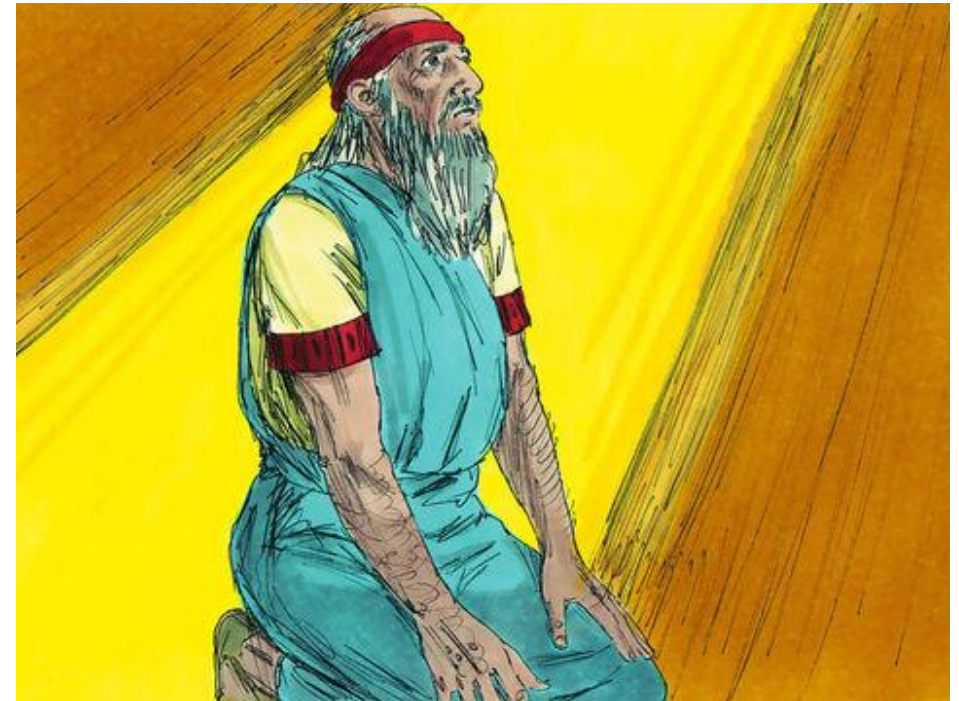
- “Looks at all these bones; this is what has become of our nation; we’re dead, we’re finished, there’s no hope...” 😞



WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

THE VOICE OF THE WORLD, OR THE VOICE OF GOD?

- God said: *“Yes, these bones can live, if you speak over them what I tell you to say”*
- Our world, despite its mess, is full of possibilities.
- Despite apparent indifference to God, the harvest is plentiful.



WHAT DO YOU SPEAK?

LIFE OR DEATH?

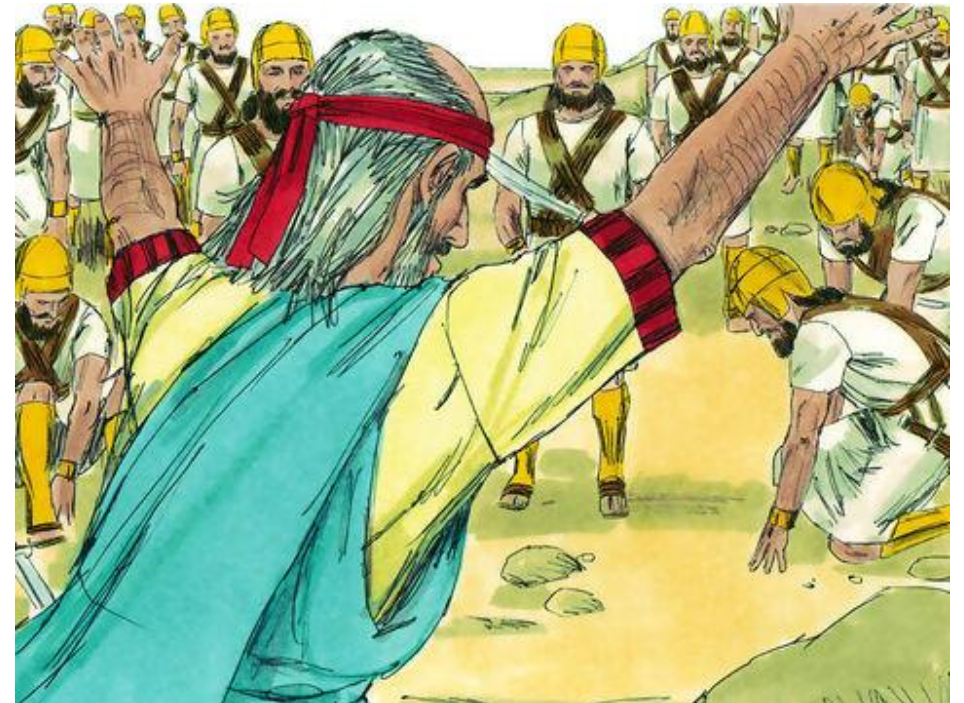
- Ezekiel obeyed God and spoke prophetically over the dry bones.
- As he spoke, things started to happen.
- It's time for us to speak prophetically over our communities



WHAT DO YOU SPEAK?

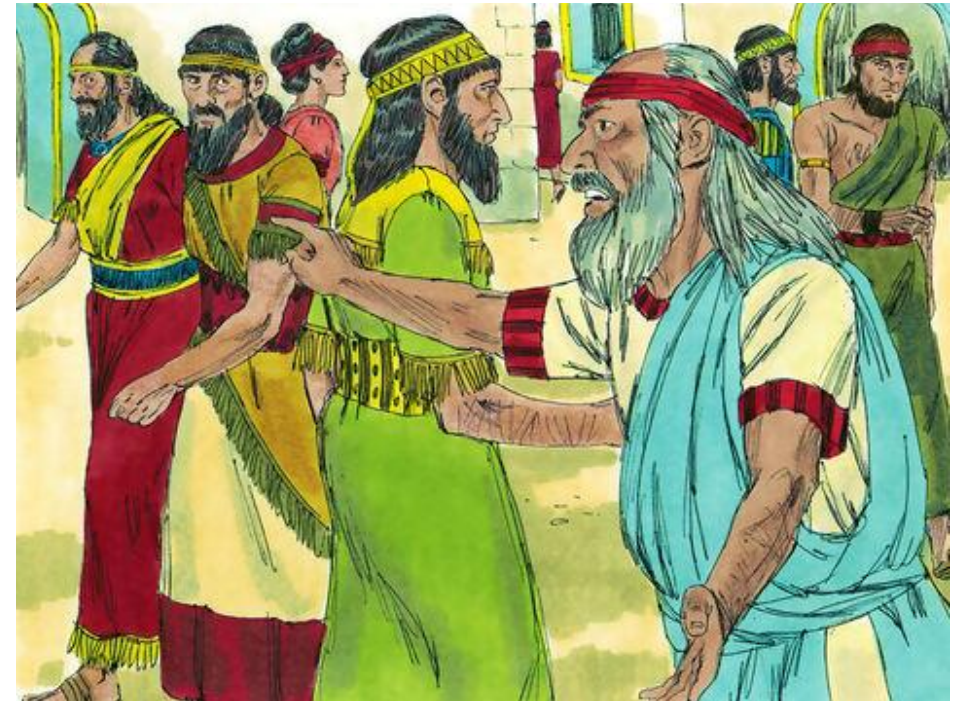
LIFE OR DEATH?

- These bodies didn't come to life until Ezekiel called on the breath of God to fill them
- We are nothing without the Holy Spirit
- Speak life; believe the dry bones can live



SUMMARY

- God has never promised us a life without mountains and valleys
- But with God, all things are possible
- We need to see the possibility of life, hear God's word and speak it out prophetically.



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- Toby Mac – Speak Life
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeBv9r92VQ0>

