

When facing what looks Hopeless

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Context - The nation of Israel had been destroyed and exiled to Babylon for more than 12 years (Ezekiel 33:21). The nation was hopeless, like skeletons in the desert.

Main Idea - God gives life through His Word and His Spirit.

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1. _____ to God's Instruction (vs. 1-4)

- A. God brought Ezekiel into a valley of dry bones and asked, "Can these bones live." Ezekiel's answer was wise, "O Lord God, you know."
- B. God instructed Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones, to preach the Word of God to them.
- C. We would do well to follow God's instructions when enduring times of hopelessness (Proverbs 3:5-6).

2. _____ God's Word (vs. 4-10)

- A. Ezekiel begins to preach the Word of God to the bones. The bones begin to rattle and come together. Flesh and skin begin to appear and form. Ezekiel prophesies for the breath of God to enter them and give them life.
- B. God's word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), and able to give life to situations that are completely dead (Psalm 19:7).

3. _____ the presence of the Holy Spirit (vs. 11-14)

- A. God promises to place His Spirit within His people and to place them safely again in their promised land.
- B. Through Jesus, you can receive the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) and be brought from death into life (Ephesians 2:1-10) and promised a safe dwelling in heaven (John 14:1-6).