

*What would happen
if the SPIRIT and
the WORD came alive
in the Chippewa Valley?*



Are things around you dead?

The hand of the LORD was upon 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.

²He 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. ³He asked me,

“Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “O Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Ezekiel 37:1-3

The WORD brings wholeness

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath [wind or spirit] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I 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.’” ⁷So 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. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Ezekiel 37:4-8

The SPIRIT brings life

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 from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’”

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

Ezekiel 37:9-10

A vision of life and relationship

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’

¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

O 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. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

¹⁴I 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 37:11-14

A vision of generations

“They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant.”

Ezekiel 37:25-26b

Next Steps

- Join a 40 Days group
- Sign up for BFC Summer Trip 2012
- Stop by the Next Steps Center
- Join us for prayer Tuesday night
- Plan to attend 58 (the movie)
- Make the switch to the 10am service