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## Can these bones live?

### A. How did the vision come about?

Ezekiel 37:1, HCSB -<sup>1</sup> *The hand of the LORD was on me, and He brought me out by His Spirit and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.*

### B. What was the vision?

Ezekiel 37:2, HCSB -<sup>2</sup> *He led me all around [the dry bones]. There were a great many of them on the surface of the valley, and they were very dry.*

### C. What question was asked in the vision?

Ezekiel 37:3, HCSB -<sup>3</sup> *Then He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"*

### D. What answer was given in the vision?

Ezekiel 37:3, NASB95 -<sup>3</sup> *He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."*

### E. What remedy was presented in this vision?

Ezekiel 37:4, NASB95 -<sup>4</sup> *Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'*



### 1. God is very concerned about hurting and broken people.

Ezekiel 37:4–6, HCSB -<sup>4</sup> *He said to me, "Prophesy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!"<sup>5</sup> This is what the Lord GOD says to these bones: ...I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."*

### 2. The depths of despair are where life' most important lessons are learned.

Ezekiel 37:11–12, HCSB -<sup>11</sup> *Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look how they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished; we are cut off.'"*

### 3. The power of God can change even the most hopeless of lives and situation.

Ezekiel 37:12–13, HCSB -<sup>12</sup> *Therefore, prophesy and say to them: This is what the Lord GOD says: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them, My people, and lead you into the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> You will know that I am Yahweh, My people, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.*

### 4. Nothing happens among the people of God until the Wind blows.

Ezekiel 37:9–10, TLB -<sup>9</sup> *Then he told me to call to the wind and say: "The Lord God says: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe upon these slain bodies, that they may live again."<sup>10</sup> So I spoke to the winds as he commanded me, and the bodies began breathing; they lived and stood up—a very great army.*

### 5. God wants all people to know that He is Lord.

Ezekiel 37:13, NIV84 -<sup>13</sup> *Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD.*

**L**ord, may there be a rattling among us. May there be a fresh blowing of your wind among us and may we stand as a great army declaring the Word of the Lord.  
– Oswald Chambers (in his devotional on this passage).