

What to do when... YOU HAVE LOST HOPE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

 Ezekiel 37:11–14 (NIV) “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.’¹² Therefore 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.’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 HAND OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

 Ezekiel 37:1–3 (NIV) “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.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, “O Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

1. He was **forced** to **comprehend** the impossible. (vss. 1-2)

2. He was **asked** to **consider** the impossible. (vs. 3)

 Ezekiel 37:4–6 (NIV) “Then He said to me, “Prophesy 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.”

THE WORD OF GOD WAS SPOKEN THROUGH HIM.

 Ezekiel 37:7–8 (NIV) “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.”

 Ezekiel 37:9–10 (NIV) “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.’”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.”

Mike's Facebook Post: “God is looking for people through whom He can do the phenomenal and the impossible. Refuse to settle for that which is only possible for you to do.”

Digging Deeper: Have you ever felt God's hand on you? Have you ever felt God speak through you? What, in your life, seems hopeless? What seems impossible? *God is looking for people through whom He can do the phenomenal and the impossible—*are you settling for that which is only possible for you to do?

