BENEVOLENT FAITH MINISTRIES





"ABIDING IN THE VINE" - BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS SESSION 2: "MAKE NO BONES ABOUT IT"

<u>BIG IDEA</u>: Believers need to be aware of the spiritually dead world in which we live and the people in that state all around us, as only Christ can give life to those in lifeless states.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The LORD's power came on me. The Spirit of the LORD carried me out of the city and put me down in the middle of the valley. The valley was full of dead men's bones. ² There were many bones lying on the ground in the valley. The Lord made me walk all around among the bones. I saw the bones were very dry.

³ Then the Lord said to me, "Son of man, can these bones come to life?"

I answered, "Lord GOD, only you know the answer to that question."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak to these bones for me. Tell them, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Lord GOD says to you: I will cause breath to come into you, and you will come to life! ⁶ I will put sinew and muscles on you, and I will cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you, and you will come back to life! Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷ So I spoke to the bones for the LORD, as he said. I was still speaking, when I heard the loud noise. The bones began to rattle, and bone joined together with bone! ⁸ There before my eyes, I saw sinew and muscles begin to cover the bones. Skin began to cover them, but there was no breath in them.

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⁹ Then the Lord said to me, "Speak to the wind for me. Son of man, speak to the wind for me. Tell the wind that this is what the Lord GOD says: 'Wind, come from every direction and breathe air into these dead bodies! Breathe into them and they will come to life again!'"

¹⁰ So I spoke to the wind for the LORD, as he said, and the breath came into the dead bodies. They came to life and stood up. There were many men—a very large army!

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are like the whole family of Israel. The people of Israel say, 'Our bones have dried up, our hope is gone. We have been completely destroyed!' ¹² So speak to them for me. Tell them this is what the Lord GOD says: 'My people, I will open your graves and bring you up out of them! Then I will bring you to the land of Israel. ¹³ My people, I will open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, and then you will know that I am the LORD. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will come to life again. Then I will lead you back to your own land. Then you will know that I am the LORD. You will know that I said this and that I made it happen.'" This is what the LORD said." – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ERV)

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I. A Shocking Revelation (37:1-3)

Discussion Question (v. 1): As you look over verse one and its commentary about the "bones", what do you think this represents? And what does that mean to us (see Ephesians 2:1)?

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Discussion Question (v. 2): As you look over verse two, what do you think this represents? How does Romans 3:12 relate to this?

II. A Sincere Responsibility (37:4-9)

Discussion Question (v. 4): As you look over verse four, what do you think this represents? How do the following Scripture passages relate to this?

- Isaiah 55:11
- Romans 1:16
- Mark 16:15

II. A Supernatural Resurrection (37:10-14)

Discussion Question (v. 10): Please discuss the impact of this supernatural act upon the contemporary Believer, and explain how John 6:63 relates to it.

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Discussion Question (v. 14): What can lessons can the contemporary church learn from what transpires in verse 14?



III. CONCLUSION - WHAT IS THE LESSON FOR US?

- When we look at our world today, it's easy to become angry and disheartened by the things we see people do and the things we hear people say.
- People are living foul and trifling, and worse yet, they're more openly showing the hatred they have for God and the Gospel.
- But think about it....were it not for the grace of God, those people would be US.
- For some, those people WERE us before Christ's grace delivered us!
- But, somebody cared enough to pray for us, to tell us about salvation in Jesus.
- The least we can do is ask the Lord to give us the same compassion toward others that was shown to US.
- THAT, my friends, is how the bones come to life.
- Like Ezekiel, we need to witness to tell them and pray for them....and then let God draw them to Jesus.
- Let's always remember: "God's greatness cannot be grounded by the graveyard"!!