

## Faith from Dry Bones to New Life

Ezekiel 37:4-10 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Mark 11:22-24 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

John 14:12-14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Too often we as Christians find ourselves in the valley of dry bones. But in that valley what did Ezekiel do? He did what the LORD told him to and the dry bones became alive. And they didn't just get up and move they became fully alive with flesh, bones & breathe. Not just bones moving and they were a mighty army.

We are to believe God just as Ezekiel did and do as God tells us to do. We must get rid of our stinking thinking and put on the mind of Christ. Our mind must be continually renewed because the carnal thinking that is in the world and the church; is of the world. And carnal thinking will only bring despair, doubting and death.

We must renew our mind with the Living Word and believe what we are reading. A mind knowledge of the Word will not do much for us, we must move on into the spirit and have the mind of Christ. To abide in Him and He abiding in us. To abide is more than just knowledge of someone, it is knowing another confidentially, personally, intimately. A weekend visitor is not someone you can say abides with you, they are not permanent and unshakable. They are here today, gone tomorrow. We must remain in Christ; then and only then, can we claim all the promises of God.

Too often I hear fellow church goers say something about believing in God or I believe God could do it if He wanted to. *Really?* Above clearly states that He wants to.

I think too often people confuse believing in the existence of God with believing God. The demons even believe in God and tremble. But the key is not whether we believe in God, it is whether we believe God. Do we believe what He says? And if we don't, why not?

Believe what God says, and do not listen to those who do not believe what God says because they will lead you astray. I challenge you to find new friends if your friends do not believe what God says. We all need friends to encourage us in the walk of faith, to speak truth into our lives, and to encourage us to speak truth into our own life and the lives of others.

When this takes place, rivers of living water will flow from you into others.

Be a blessing and speak life.