YOUTH SUNDAY - DRY BONES AWAKEN -

EZEK1EL 37: 1 - 14

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YES

These bones can live because God is present.



DRY BONES:

How the Word of God describes our sinful spiritual state

chasing after the gifts rather than the Giver of life.

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Spiritual renewal begins with God



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⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, **1 will** cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 1 will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that 1 am the LORD."

'Revival is a divine initiative. We can only respond in faith to the promise of God.'

Ps Edmund Chan



⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, 0 dry bones, **hear the word of the LORD**.



A HEBREWS 4: 12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

By FILLING:

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these **Slain**, that they may live." ¹⁰ So 1 prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



BE FILLED With God's Spirit



A Having the FORM but not the POWER:

⁷So 1 prophesied as 1 was commanded. And as 1 prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And 1 looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. **But there was no breath in them.**



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A Fulfilment that brings hope:

¹⁰ So 1 prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army...Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.^{¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the} Lord GOD: Behold, 1 will open your graves and raise you from your graves, 0 my people.

God, who is committed to our spiritual renewal, brings hope **today**.

We live and gather to do God's purposes:

¹⁹ say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, 1 am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand...²⁸ Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

We exist to do God's purposes.

What does revival look like?



Are we willing to be used by God?