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THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING A 'DRY BONES' SEASON – Pastor Alton Trimble
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Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NKJV)

1. **To Thrive and not just Survive in a “Dry Bones’ Season you’ve got to go into it with the right team.**

Ezekiel 37:1 (NKJV)

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

- a. Hand of the Lord

Isaiah 40:12 (NKJV)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Job 12:10 (NKJV)

In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

Psalms 31:15 (NKJV)

My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

I Chronicles 29:12 (NKJV)

Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Luke 23:46 (NKJV)

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last.

- b. The Spirit of God

Luke 4:18 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Psalms 139:7 (NKJV)

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Isaiah 40:13 (NKJV)

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has taught Him?

2. You got to face it to fix it.

Ezekiel 37:2 (NKJV)

Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

3. To fix your issue you must have a vision.

Ezekiel 37:3 (NKJV)

And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

4. Submit to God's sovereign control of your life and circumstances.

Ezekiel 37:3 (NKJV)

And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."

5. Say what God says to your Dry Bones.

Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NKJV)

Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.⁶ I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.'""

A TWO PART SOLUTION

A. The Word of God

Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NKJV)

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II Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Ezekiel 37:7-8 (NKJV)

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

B. The Holy Spirit of God

Ezekiel 37:9-10 (NKJV)

Also 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 I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

6. Don't stay in the grave the enemy planned for you.

Ezekiel 37:11-14 (NKJV)

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.'"