

DRY BONES AND CHRISTIANS
EZEKIEL 37:1-14 / 8-5-18 / P.M.

I. THE VISION EZEKIEL SAW.

- A. Ezekiel had a vision of a valley full of bones.
1. They were bones of dead people—37:1-2.
 2. These people had been slain—**37:9 “...Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain.....”**
 3. They were dry sun bleached bones bearing absolutely no signs of life.
- B. God asked Ezekiel if these dry bones could come back to life—37:3a.
1. It was an absurd question.
 2. It was a sobering question.
 3. It was a sovereign question—**37:3 “.....I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”**
- C. God told Ezekiel these were the bones of the Israelites--37:11a.
1. These bones represented the Israelites killed in conquest.
 2. These bones also represented the living Israelites who had lost all hope—**37:11b ‘...They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’**
- D. God told Ezekiel to preach life back into these dead bones of the people who had lost all hope—37:4.
1. God promised to bring life back to these bones—37:5-6.
 2. God also promised to bring back hope into despondent Israel—37:12.
- E. Ezekiel preached to these dry bones and dry people—37:7-10.
1. Ezekiel preached but it was God who provided the power to raise the dead—37:13.
 2. Ezekiel preached but the Holy Spirit provided the breath of life—37:14.

II. THE LESSONS EZEKIEL’S VISION PROVIDES.

- A. We may be dead like these dry bones.
1. Unbelievers are dead in their sins—Romans 2:23.

2. Redemption is the only hope for unbelievers—John 11:25.
 3. Believers may be dead because of their carnality—Rom 8:6 and Rev. 3:1.
 4. Repentance is the only hope for a Christian's carnality—Rev. 2:5.
- B. Don't limit the power of God
1. You may feel hopeless like Israel.
 2. God did the impossible in Ezekiel's day—Ez. 37.
 3. God can do the impossible in our lives and give us hope again—Matt. 19:26.
- C. We must obey God to receive His power to live again.
1. Ezekiel obeyed God—37:7.
 2. Naaman obeyed—2 Kings 5:14.
 3. Obedience is the key that unlocks the power of God in our lives—1 Sam. 15:22.
 4. Will we obey?