

## To Live Again

## Ezekiel 37:1-6

"The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'O Sovereign LORD, you alone know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." (NIV)

If you have ever wandered the internet, turned on the television, or just walked down the street you've seen the brokenness of this world. There are the scary, horrific, and mind-boggling aspects of our culture that we try our hardest to turn a blind eye to. From nations at war to a father leaving his family to a child hurting herself, at times feel the word "hope" no longer has a definition. Or maybe, deep down inside of our very being, we feel like dry bones with no drive, passion, or thirst for life. We look at the world and call it broken.

Yet, by using the word "broken", we also have the opportunity to believe that this world could be fixed. We have hope even in recognizing the pain because we believe there will be healing. This passage points us to the simple truth that no matter how dark, crippled or torn apart a life might seem, God can breathe into you and give you life. No matter how dark, crippled, or torn apart this world may be, God can breathe into it and give it life. Then we will know that He is the Lord.

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## **Point for Prayer:**

Where in this world does your heart want to see God breathe new life into? What part of your own life do you want to see God breathe new life into?