

## God Grabs Ezekiel

God Grabs Ezekiel and takes him somewhere. Takes Him to look where a battle had been. Battles in those days didn't get cleaned up like now. The people died and got left there. So, years later all that is left is bones, yuck, yuck, yucky.

Anyway, God grabs Ezekiel and shows him this. Then asks him

"Son of man, can these bones live?"

What is a guy meant to answer, hey is this a trick question????? Better play safe here.

Then it starts to get really weird.

EZE 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> 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.' "

Right!!!!!! Ok. You have to remember that the word for prophecy here also means preach or proclaim. So this guy is told to preach to a bunch of dead people. (*Pull Face* – I could say something but I had better not) But hey, this is God talking so I better do it.

EZE 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded.

I Wonder what he thought. Yeh, yeh, preach a sermon to these bones, just like preaching to the Israelites, same response.  
No it wasn't listen to this next bit.

And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Cool 'eh

Oh, This hasn't happened before, this isn't normal. Can you image, the foot starts moving around and finds an ankle and the foot bone gets connected to the ankle bone ( Girls sing the song and get carried away)

Arr excuse me girls, this is my story. And it is all about God binding their bones together. (They look at each other and sing Bind us together Lord) Ok, Ok I get the message, let me finish and you can sing again.

Where was I. Oh yeh. God talks again, and this time Ezekiel is really listening.

EZE 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live

Ezekiel gets a bit excited here. If last time he made the bones come together then what will He do this time.

Ok, here goes.

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army.

Oh yeh, these guys stood up, they became real. Lets just stop here for a minute. Image the armies thought processes. They were dead and now, they were back. You can imagine some dead sergeant.

Hey, what is going on, I thought was dead like, what is going on, I was just getting used to it, who turned on the lights?????

Here is the weird bit, God didn't do it so they could go fight. It did it to make a sermon illustration. God just wanted to make a point.

EZE 37:11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'

Now, I got to thinking about this. If this was just a sermon illustration, what happened to the army of guys that were dead but now were alive and kicking.

Maybe that dead sergeant was asking the same thing.  
Arr, now I'm alive what do I do now???

God has a purpose, and God has a purpose for us, that is why He left His Spirit, what we call the Holy Spirit to be with us. So we can tap into Gods purpose for our lives. Can God make that much of a difference in our lives. Yep, He can and He does.

If God can use a field full of dry bones, what can He use us for. Think about it.

Yeh Ok –Start singing the footbones connected to the ankle bone

Oh you know, have a think about it all. Bless ya.