

Valley of Dry Bones

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Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

God has given us a new heart – He has performed surgery and given us a new heart, but at times we want to revert back, and we go back to our old heart.

But He has put His spirit in us.

Romans 10:8

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming.

The new heart that God gave us when Christ came into our hearts – it is pre-programmed with the word.

When I read the word – I am confirming:

I do what I do because I love Him. I don't do what I do to get Him to love me. I do what I do out of response to His love for me. He already loves me. He loved me while I was a sinner.

He paid for salvation on the cross. I participated with it when I believed through faith and confessed that Jesus was the son of God.

Christ has already accomplished certain things for us. We must believe in order to participate with them.

Ezekiel 37:1-10

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...

And He led me back and forth among them...

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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 [a] 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.' "

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds...

The word is a revelation of what God's already done – we need to just get into His word and say what He says in His word.

Speak what God Speaks.

Declare the Word.

Prophecy the Word.