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Dry Bone Baptist Church

Ezekiel 37

Introduction:

One of the greatest problems confronting the church today is indifference. Clements isn't without sin in this area. If all you see when you look into the world today is economic crisis, you are missing it. If all you see is the loss of your financial future, you are missing it. What you are seeing is, in reality, mostly symptomatic...you are simply seeing symptoms of a greater problem.

I. The Bones Ezekiel Saw

A. The bones represented deadness

Ezekiel 37:1 (ESV) The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.

B. The bones represented dryness

Ezekiel 37:2 (ESV) And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

C. The bones represented depression

Ezekiel 37:1 (ESV) These bones were in a valley...

“Revival isn't something that the church does; revival is something that is done to the church!”

--Pastor Tim Anderson

II. The Breath God Gave

A. The Perplexing Question God Asked

Ezekiel 37:3 (ESV) And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

B. The Powerful Message God Gave

Ezekiel 37:4 (ESV) Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

C. The Potent Breath God Breathed

Ezekiel 37:9 (ESV) Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.”

Notice three things about these bones:

1. They lived (Verse 10a)
2. They stood on their feet (Verse 10b)
3. They were all mobilized (Verse 10c)