

Introduction

MOVING IN THE SPIRIT

“There is no sickness problem. There is simply a problem of the believer's coming to know his inheritance in Christ.”

- E. W. Kenyon

This week as we continue our studies on moving in the spirit and responding to revelation we are going to have a look at Ezekiel and the valley of dry bones.

When Jesus told the disciples:

1. To go and heal
2. To speak to mountains in His Name, He didn't ask us to pray nice little religious Prayers, but He was telling the disciples, and us, to speak with authority and to speak from the revelation that He has deposited in us.

Moving in the Spirit is not being some “super-spook”, but it is you being empowered by the Holy Ghost.

It's your natural with His Supernatural flowing through you. We are not to look at hindrances, impossibilities, and our lack, and our insecurities, but we are to release the greater one that lives on the inside of us.

There is no doubt that God had planned the church, His body, to be composed of supermen and women.

There are some great points in this passage of scripture that will help us to become more effective and respond to what He has already put in our hearts.

Scripture

- **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

¹the hand of the LORD was on 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. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

“I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I 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.”

⁷So 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. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 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. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I 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."

1. The hand of the Lord was upon me

This is a great confession. Ezekiel saying this His hand is upon me, that I am anointed, I am chosen, I am set apart, I am what God says I am.

Scripture

- **Luke 4:18**

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free

With this confession, and, speaking the things of God over your life, revelation will be stirred and also the things that God has for you to do will be stirred up.

Every born again believer has a purpose in the Kingdom and has been anointed and God's hand is upon them. Under the new covenant we are all priests, you don't need a title to function. Your function comes from the unction of the Holy Spirit in you.

Scripture

- **1 Peter 2:5**

⁵[Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

2. Brought me out by the Spirit

If we are led by our own motives and our own ideas and our humanistic values fruit will never be produced. The Bible says that those that are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

Scripture

- **Romans 8:14**

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Becoming kingdom people is a revelation of sonship. Sons are led and not continually told.

Sons know the will of the Father. Sons live off meat not off milk and sons know their rightful place in the Father's house.

Scripture

- **Romans 8:15**

¹⁵For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!

3. **Set me in the middle of the valley**

God always takes you and places you where the need is.

We are not in a place to meet people's wants but to meet the needs.

Salvation, healing, deliverance and advancement of the kingdom. When we understand true sonship, that's when we see the need and not the want.

Just like Peter at the gate beautiful the man wanted money, (that's a want), but his need was to be healed, (that was Kingdom).

As we see below in Acts 10 Peter went to Cornelius's house to where the need is.

Scripture

- **Acts 10:**

²⁷And as [Peter] spoke with him, he entered the house and found a large group of persons assembled; ²⁸And he said to them, You yourselves are aware how it is not lawful or permissible for a Jew to keep company with or to visit or [even] to come near or to speak first to anyone of another nationality, but God has shown and taught me by words that I should not call any human being common or unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean.

²⁹Therefore when I was sent for, I came without hesitation or objection or misgivings. So now I ask for what reason you sent for me.

Notice Peter's attitude, it should be our attitude!

We should have:

1. No hesitation
2. No objection
3. No misgivings which enables us to meet the need in the place where we have been sent.

MISGIVINGS (Greek): to separate one's self in a hostile spirit, to oppose, strive with dispute, contend to be at variance with one's self, hesitate, doubt

English dictionary: a feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension.

When we are sent to a place, we should be so confident that no matter what the situation, when God leads we don't hesitate, object or have misgivings about it, because God will unfold the purpose as we are obedient.

Sometimes the places he sends us don't make sense in the natural, but trust in His leading and lean not to your own understanding and He will direct your path accordingly.

First we are led, we go, we obey and then ask! You don't need to know the reason in advance.

4. **He led me to and fro**

The Holy Spirit will lead you; guide you back and forth till you see what God sees.

He doesn't want us to continually go around the mountain, seeing obstacles and impossibilities, He wants us to see potential, possibilities *and* the Promised Land.

Stop wondering what might be and start seeing what could be.

TO AND FRO, (of a military term), meaning: "patrol" or "go and inspect"

There are times that we may have to “patrol” a situation, or “inspect” something to get an understanding of God’s heart in the matter.

We are not to make any decisions without the peace of God. There are times that we don’t get immediate answers, but as we continue to move forth, seeking the truth, God will cause us to see what He sees!

It was after He “patrolled” the situation that he saw many bones on the floor.

5. I saw many bones on the floor

When we come to a point of seeing people that need healing and salvation, true Godly compassion rises in our hearts.

When Jesus came down from the mountain, He had compassion on the multitudes, because as a Son, he saw what His Father saw. That’s why in last week’s study we looked at the gift in you being for others and not for yourself.

Scripture

- **Mark 6:34**

³⁴As Jesus landed, He saw a great crowd waiting, and He was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Isn’t it amazing how sometimes we end up back at the position where we started and wonder “why am I here again?” it is because God is bringing you back to the point where you see what He sees.

6. Ask me if these bones can live

That is what God is asking us in the place where He has put us. Can these people be healed, can they be set free?

Jesus doesn’t ask questions because he doesn’t know the answer; He wants us to realise where we are at in our level of faith at any given time.

Sometimes just by speaking, we get the answer. Jesus wants us to stretch our faith and believe that we can do all things through Him!

Scripture

- **Mark 9:23**

²³“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

7. All sovereign Lords you alone know

Ezekiel is declaring here the sovereignty of His God. He is declaring that only God knows the entire situation. Ezekiel was given the vision in steps but in the middle of it, He goes on to declare this statement. “all sovereign Lord you alone know”.

He is supreme and has all authority over any other. Ezekiel is also declaring that by saying God is sovereign, that He is of utmost importance, greatest in power and rules over even what may seem impossible!

It is not by our power, it is the power of the Sovereign Lord that lives inside us. So to stop and declare that He alone is Sovereign, puts Him in His rightful place.

We need to understand and have the heart of God stirring in us so that we get to know His thoughts and His ways, that we start drawing from the inside and not from our head.

The way of getting to know and understand the ways of God is by living in His Word, because out of His ways, come His deeds. The Hebrews only knew His deeds, but Moses knew His ways.

Scripture

- **Psalm 103:7**

⁷He made known his ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel

8. Prophecy to the bones

Notice here He didn't say pray, but He said speak to them.

Scripture

- **Matthew 17:20**

²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

It's interesting to note and something that we miss so much is that Jesus didn't pray for any sick person, didn't pray for any demon possessed person, or storms, but he **spoke** to them.

He wants us to be a prophetic people as we speak and believe and speak in His name, we are backed up by the power of the Name and it will accomplish what we say or speak to.

PROPHECY (Hebrew): *cause to bubble up, hence to pour forth words abundantly as is done by those who speak with divine emotion of mind.*

It also means to sing Holy songs as led by the Spirit of God, to praise God

God is saying to pour forth my words in abundance let it bubble up inside you so that the word you speak brings life.

Also, singing songs of praise by the unction of the Holy spirit can bring deliverance, healing, and advancement of the kingdom...we don't sing songs for the sake of singing them. They have a purpose. That's why our songs should be based on scripture, and not on performance or emotion.

Example:

"Going to the enemy's camp" is unscriptural so why would you sing it?

9. Dry bones hear the word of the Lord

This is a powerful statement. We need to be specific in what we say.

Ezekiel was speaking to dry bones, we need to speak to sicknesses, lack, inadequacies and speak to the problem and bring forth in the promise.

Calling those things that are not as though they are and bringing the unseen into the seen realm.

Scripture

- **Romans 4:20-21**

²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised

10. Prophecy as He commands me

Jesus has commanded us to speak the Word. It's the Word that brings life.

As Ezekiel was obedient so should we be obedient. Command things; use the authority that has been invested in you. To bring healing where there is sickness, to bring prosperity where there is poverty, to bring vision where there is no vision, to bring purpose where here is none, to restore where there's brokenness, to bring hope where there is no hope.

I am reminded of the story of the centurion in Matthew 8 when the Centurion asks Jesus for help to heal his servant but instead of Jesus going, the centurion says this:

Scripture

- **Matthew 8:8-9**

⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

He understood authority and the power of it. So Jesus just spoke the Word and at that very moment the servant was healed.

Scripture

- **Hebrews 4:12**

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

11. There was a rattling sound

We should live a life of expectancy that when we speak, expect things to happen. We don't speak in doubt, we don't speak in fear, but we speak expecting God to bring results.

We speak expecting God to confirm the Word! Because once he has spoken into our hearts, and we speak the revealed Word, it will happen, because he confirms his Word, and not an idea or emotion.

Scripture

- **Jeremiah 1:12**

¹² Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

We don't pray prayers like this "if it be Gods will"! We *know* it's God's will to heal, to deliver, to forgive, to restore, to set free, to bless and to give hope.

So what is it with Christians? If it is Gods will heal this person!

More time spent in the Word and understanding your rightful place will dispel all these religious prayers.