

“Dry Bones, Come Alive!”

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Ezekiel 37:4-5

“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.”

The Hebrew word for *wind* or *breath* is the same word as SPIRIT.

As the Prophet Ezekiel’s vision shows, the Spirit of God causes what is dead to come alive.

God takes what looks to be a hopeless, lifeless situation and does His work in and through it.

By what means does the Spirit of God do His resurrecting work?

John 11:25-27

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Jesus is the living voice of God in human flesh.

When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, He not only foreshadows what will happen to Him, but also what He will do for you.

How do you take hold of the new life that Jesus offers?

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Right now, the breath of God brings you to new life through faith in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

In the resurrection on the Last Day, the Spirit of God will breathe new life into you, raising you up with Jesus to live with Him forever.

Lazarus has nothing on you!