

Sanctify Yourselves

Ezekiel 37:1-5 ¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ² Then **He caused me** to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. ³ And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” ⁴ Again He said to me, “**Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.**”

Ezekiel 37:14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live... Hold the place

“My Spirit” = **RUACH** (PNEUMA) = breath, wind, spirit. It is **invisible** and uncontrollable. It is **resistless in power...** sometimes gentle as a zephyr, or as a rushing and mighty wind.

John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Examples:

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit {**RUACH**} of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath {RUACH} of life; and man became a living being.

Job 33:4 The Spirit {**RUACH**} of God has made me, And the breath {RUACH} of the Almighty gives me life.

Revelation 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath {RUACH} of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Back to Ezekiel 37 (cause and effect):

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit {RUACH} of the LORD...

Ezekiel 37:2 Then He caused me to pass by them...

Ezekiel 37:5-6 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath {RUACH} to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath {RUACH} in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

The “Cause” is the “I will” of the Almighty. The effect is, “You shall live... shall know.”

Ezekiel 37:7-9 ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath {RUACH} in them. ⁹ Also He said to me, “**Prophecy to the breath {RUACH}, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, {RUACH} ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Come from the four winds {RUACH}, O breath, {RUACH} and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ”**”

Note that God is the cause but uses man as His implement (e.g. man is not a primary cause agent):

Ezekiel 37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and **breath {RUACH} came into them, and they lived**, and stood upon their feet, **an exceedingly great army**.

“Army” is God’s “one new man.” Not seen as a great number of soldiers; **a singular Army**.

Ezekiel 37:11 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’

Even now many of the Lord’s people have lost their hope...

Ezekiel 37:12-14 ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, **I will open** your graves and **cause you** to come up from your graves, and **bring you** into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴ **I will put My Spirit {RUACH} in you, and you shall live**, and **I will place you** in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.’ ”

Revival - is the Power of Resurrection! The Lord is the cause {Spirit}. What do we do?

Joshua 3:1-4 ¹ Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. ² So it was, **after three days**, that the officers went through the camp; ³ and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for **you have not passed *this way* before.**”

“not passed *this way* before” = **40 years of circles; God’s new move** changes all that!

“after three days” = **time to meditate on the hindrances that kept you out...** and answer the questions, “How much do you really want your inheritance?” “Are you ready to be willing and obey?”

The Mandates for Possessing Your Inheritance:

1. Forget the Past

Joshua 1:2 “Moses My servant is dead. **Now therefore, / arise...**

Even the good past! God is doing a **new thing; incline to the future and the hope.**

2. Arise and Go

Joshua 1:2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, **arise, go over this Jordan, /**

Jesus always asked people to activate their faith. Go...walk in newness of life!

3. Don’t Go Alone

Joshua 1:2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, **you and all this people /,**

It is a **corporate journey of the one new man.**

4. Remember His Promises

Joshua 1:3-5 ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given you**, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.**

It is a new thing God does...but it is the same God!

5. Don't Be Fearful

Joshua 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous...

Joshua 1:9 Have I not **commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed**, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

Courage is not lack of intimidation but going ahead in spite of it.

6. Trust and Obey

Joshua 1:7-8 ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, **that you may observe to do** according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it** to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate in it day and night**, that you may **observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

When fear is overruled by courage, you can and will obey.

7. Recognize God's Presence

Joshua 1:5 No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.**

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, **for** the LORD your **God is with you wherever you go.**”

Giants will simply have to step aside; God is moving through the land!

Then comes further instructions to every member of the congregation:

Joshua 1:10-11 ¹⁰ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹ “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, **‘Prepare provisions for yourselves**, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ”

Prepare provision: **manna is over; learn to cook!** (Not provision is over but “same old” is over!) **You were in God's Maintenance Mode** and therefore passive; **prepare for His Aggressive Mode** by getting active.

Joshua 1:12-15 ¹² And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, ¹³ “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.’ ¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But **you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them**, ¹⁵ **until the LORD has given your brethren rest**, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall

return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

Moses had warned the 2.5 tribes that another 40 years was certain if they did not get out of their comfort zone and be ready to help others. (No more naps!)

Then came a new voice ...one of Victory instead of defeat

Joshua 2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun **sent out two men** from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho..."

Joshua 2:23-24 ²³ So the two men **returned**, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them. ²⁴ And they said to Joshua, "**Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us.**"

Then came a word for the Priests (e.g. all New Testament believers)

Joshua 3:6-8 ⁶ Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "**Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people.**" So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. ⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸ You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, '**When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.**'"

Priests: Go first. This is how you know who is a leader... Stand in the **Jordan = the place of separation:** (Elijah's mantle; **12 spies** in faith or unbelief; **Jacob** crossed out with just his staff and came back with prosperity; **Naaman** lost his pride and gained his health; **Jesus** before and after = Anointed)

Separation of: old and new, **defeat and victory,** **belief and unbelief,**
sight walk and the walk of faith, **the wilderness and the Promised Land...**

Therefore,

Joshua 3:5 And Joshua said to the people, "**Sanctify yourselves,** for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

Sanctify Yourselves: The Day of Signs and Wonders is at Hand!

Prepare Provisions

Prophecy to the dry Bones: "I will cause Breath **{RUACH}** - You shall live... shall know

Prophecy to the Breath {RUACH}: Come from the 4 winds O' Spirit of God...

God will then give: Sinew (Connectings); Flesh (Muscle; from strength to strength); Skin (Covering); and He will give Breath {RUACH} and you shall receive power to be...