

Back to Life
Ezekiel 37:1-14
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about man's return from disobedience as we look at the bones & graves of Ezekiel 37.

Intro: 1. Man becoming unfaithful is problem we find in the Bible and in the world today.
2. However, there is a remedy for unfaithfulness.

I. The bones had no life.

A. The valley (v.1-2)

1. The valley was full of bones.
2. The bones were very dry, they are starting to decompose.

B. Do people today become like these dry bones?

1. **The world has many today have departed from God and in doing so, they join the valley of dry bones.**
2. **These dry bones are figurative of those who are dead spiritually.**

II. Back to life (v.3-10,11-14)

A. The Lord asks a question

1. Can these bones live again? Can an unfaithful person return? (v.3)
2. The figure shown here indicates the bones can live again, the unfaithful can return! (v.4-10)

B. Life returns to Israel (v.11-14)

1. Israel would have their hope restored (v.11-12)
2. They would know who was the Lord by His redemption of them and by Him blessing them (v.13-14)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Man's spirit and faith can dry up.

1. **The reason such things happen is because man allows it to happen.**
2. **Man's unfaithfulness is a result of the action or inactions of man, not actions or inactions by God.**
 - i. We can allow ourselves to become preoccupied with life.
 - a. Family, money, friends, etc
 - i. While such things have their place we must not forget God has His as well.

B. Man can also be revived.

1. **This happens first, because man wants it to happen, man wants to be revived spiritually.**
 - i. When man wants to come back to God, there are certain things He will do.
2. **We must remember such a revival and restoration only happens because of God.**
 - a. Man must repent of sins and by obedience to His Word man can be restored to a right relationship with God.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Who did the restoring to the dry bones? God
2. Has that changed today?
3. If man wants to be revived and restored to a right relationship with God man must act before its too late.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9